

The 36th Annual
Southern California
KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCE, INC
Conferences for Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten and First Grade Educators



**February 24-25, 2023
at the
Pasadena Convention Center**

Meet Top Grade-Level Experts in the Nation, Including



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

About the Conference

You are invited to join the nation's top educational leaders and presenters in early childhood education at our 36th Annual Southern California Conference for Pre-K, TK, Kindergarten, and First Grade educators. This is an amazing professional learning experience for all early childhood educators—both the experienced and the novice teacher. Nationally recognized presenters, such as Kim Adsit, Shannon Cunningham-Lanning, Katie Knight, Jackie Kops, Adam Peterson, Jessica Travis, Deedee Wills, LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein, and more promise two days of motivating and exciting research-based, cutting-edge tips, tricks, and strategies you can implement in your classroom the very next day.

Who Should Attend?

The Annual Conference is intended for Pre-K, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First Grade, Early Childhood, ESL, Bilingual, Head Start, Child Care Teachers, and Administrators interested in the education of young children.

TOP REASONS TO ATTEND

Get tips, tricks, and best practices from the nation's top-notch educational leaders, presenters, and consultants.

Choose from over 70 content-rich sessions that focus on teaching the standards in all areas, including reading, writing, math, science, technology, and much more!

Learn strategies to teach with rigor, relevance, and relationships.

Discover ways to motivate, engage, and prompt students to learn and achieve.

Get the most current research-based and brain-based teaching methodologies.

Gather ideas to incorporate play, inquiry, critical thinking, and collaboration to foster all domains of development: physical, emotional, social, and intellectual.

Enjoy tons of fun and motivational ideas and return to the classroom with a multitude of methods you can implement immediately.

Develop strategies to identify and differentiate instruction for your at-risk and struggling students.

Explore exhibits for the most current teacher tools, manipulatives, professional books, children's books, computer hardware and software, science products, music products, art supplies, literacy products, learning games, and more!

Leave the conference with a renewed sense of why you love teaching and working with children.

When & Where is the Conference?

The 36th Annual Conference is **February 24-25, 2023** at the **Pasadena Convention Center** - 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101.

Hotel and Travel Information:

Come stay with us in Pasadena. Make your reservations with the hotel directly.



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Conference Attendance Certificate

Participants who attend the Pre-Conference Seminar on Friday, February 24th from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will receive a Continuing Professional Education certificate for 5 hours and 30 minutes. Each participant who attends the Annual Conference on Friday, February 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will receive a certificate for 10 hours of Continuing Professional Education credit.

Host/Hostess

Each year, Hosts and Hostesses are needed to greet attendees, collect session tickets, assist with attendee seating, and offer help and assistance to presenters. Hosts and Hostesses will have their total conference registration refunded, however, they must be willing to work both days of the conference (February 24-25, 2023).

Hosts and Hostesses will be selected on a first come, first-serve basis. As a Host and Hostess, every attempt will be made to assign you your first-choice session. However, if selected, your session schedule may be altered to fit the needs of the conference. Please do not volunteer if this will become a problem.

Note: Participants requesting to be a host or hostess must submit registration payment, which will be refunded after the host or hostess has completed the assigned duties. Check the appropriate box on the registration form if you are interested in being a Host/Hostess.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Early Registration

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
Registration for Pre-Conference

8:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Pre-Conference Morning Session

11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Lunch on your Own

12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Pre-Conference Afternoon Session

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Exhibits/Children's Art Displays

2:00 p.m.
Registration for the 36th Annual Conference

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Host/Hostess Orientation

4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Workshop A

5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Break/Exhibits/Door Prizes Announced

5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Workshop B

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

8:00 a.m.
Registration and Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Workshop C

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Break/Exhibits/Door Prizes Announced

10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Workshop D

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lunch on your own/Exhibits

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Workshop E

2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Break/Exhibits/Door Prizes announced

2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Workshop F

4:00 p.m.
Exhibits Close



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Kim Adsit

Kim is a Former Teacher of the Year who taught kindergarten for 30 years. Focusing on developing curriculum and strategies that incorporate child-centered activities, she emphasizes the fun of kindergarten by tapping into children's curiosity, thus planting the seed for lifelong learning. Kim has been selected as an Expert Teacher and has

served as a mentor. She has a Specialist Degree in Early Childhood as well as an At-Risk Endorsement. She is the co-author of five books, including *Bookmaking Bonanza* and *Read with Ease*. Kim has also authored many teacher resources available on teacherspayteachers.com. Kim loves to share tips and tricks on her popular blog, *Kindergals*.



Adam Peterson

Adam is an award-winning educator from Illinois and a nationally recognized speaker. After spending more than a decade as a kindergarten teacher, Adam now uses his knowledge and talents to inspire, educate, and motivate other teachers to create classrooms that encourage creativity, play, and hands-on learning. When he's not working with

teachers on location, Adam spends his time at home creating YouTube videos for teachers, co-hosting the popular podcast, *The Classroom Collaborative* with Deedee Wills, and writing any chance he gets. Adam was a featured speaker at the event TEDxNormal 2019, where he shared his message of making the world a brighter place through his *Make Someone's Day Yellow* talk and his #betheyellow campaign!



Shannon Cunningham

Shannon has taught kindergarten and first grade with a passion for teaching in Title I schools. In 2020, her district awarded her The Elementary Teacher of The Year. She is focused not only on academics in the classroom, but also on social and emotional skills to help students succeed in life. In her own classroom, she promotes and nurtures active learning through

movement, song, and role play. In her popular blog *Primary Shannonigans* she shares ideas that make the classroom a safe place for students to learn, grow, and have fun.



Jessica Travis

Jessica spent 13 years in the K-1 classroom before transitioning into her current role as an Early Childhood Literacy Specialist where she has been supporting teachers and students the last four years. Her experience, enthusiasm, and passion in the primary classroom pours over into her fun and fresh sessions. Jessica is the author and

creator of over 500 classroom resources for teachers and she shares many ideas and activities on her award-winning website, *Jessica Travis Teaching*.



Katie Knight

Katie has been teaching over 20 years, splitting her time between 1st and 2nd grade. She believes that all children can learn and grow, but when some of them are harder to reach you have to employ the Mary Poppins school of thought... a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Katie has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction as well as a

certificate to teach the gifted and talented. She is a blogger, curriculum maker, and a teacher to the core! Katie specializes in teaching the art of reading comprehension through games and fluency, collaborative student learning, and classroom management ideas to help you manage their mischief! You can always find Katie's great ideas on her blog, *Teacher to the Core!*



Deedee Wills

Deedee is an experienced teacher, literacy coach, and international presenter with a deep background in early childhood education. She loves connecting with other teachers through her popular blog, *Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten* and her podcast, *The Classroom Collaborative* with Adam Peterson. Deedee brings to her sessions a ton of

fresh ideas to help teachers create a classroom where every kindergartener has fun and succeeds. Come tap into her creative, fresh concepts and tools to enhance your classroom of young learners.



Jackie Kops

Jackie is an enthusiastic preschool teacher with over fourteen years of classroom teaching experience in both full-day and half-day settings. Jackie is from Missouri where she earned Master and Bachelor degrees in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Maryville University. Her goal is to help you unleash your teaching superpowers!

Jackie's passion is to inspire teachers with play-based activities and themed centers to nurture and challenge little learners in a caring classroom community. In addition to teaching, she is the author and CEO behind Pocket of Preschool: www.pocketofpreschool.com. She loves to share her passion with other educators.



LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein

LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein is an energetic and passionate Kindergarten teacher from Arizona with over 25 years of teaching experience. She earned her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, a master's degree from NAU, an Early Childhood Endorsement and has achieved the rigorous advanced credentials of National Board Certification.

While teaching in her award-winning classroom, The "Wolkis Wonderland," she designs mini hands-on center-based stations that are brought to life with novel realia. As a Nationally Recognized Presenter, LeAnna empowers educators to create cooperative learning environments utilizing music, movement, and manipulatives that foster 100% student engagement.

REGISTRATION FORM

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If registering for the Pre-Conference Seminar, choose one AM and one PM session (see page 5 for details).

Please indicate by Session Number your 1st through 3rd choice. Each session is limited. Assignments are made in order they are received.

Session C
8:30 – 9:45 am
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10:15 – 11:30 am
Session E
1:00 – 2:15 pm
Session F
2:45 – 4:00 pm

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Conference Seminar Only	\$200	\$ _____
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☐ Participating in the **Children's Art Exhibit**.

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PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR

Friday, February 24, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an intensive pre-conference learning experience presented by national presenters who specialize in early childhood education. This full day seminar offers a deep dive into topics tailored to individual grade level. Registered participants will select from a variety of topics in a morning session (8:15 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.) and an afternoon session (12:45 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.). Participants will be offered 5 hours and 30 minutes of professional growth for this event and will leave refreshed and energized! (Register on page 4).

MORNING SESSION 8:15 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. (Pick one)	AFTERNOON SESSION 12:45 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. (Pick one)
P01 Jackie Kops - Featured Speaker Re-Energize the Learning Environment The classroom is a child's third teacher! Jackie will share how to set up your classroom centers and environment to be purposeful, interactive, and to integrate all learning domains. Use standards and observations to guide your classroom environment. Utilize this time to reflect and plan specific ways to re-energize your classroom environment! <div>Pre-KTK</div>	P07 Jackie Kops - Featured Speaker All Things Playdough and Sensory Tables that Teach Explore practical, easy ways you can incorporate playdough into various learning centers and activities, including literacy, math, and STEM. You will also learn quick, easy recipes to make your own playdough as well as cleaning hacks to make using it less of a mess. During the second half of this session, discuss how to make the sensory table or tubs center a place where students learn and thrive. Jackie will highlight new sensory table fillers (Food and non-Food). Explore tools and items you can use to set up learning experiences in the areas of fine motor, math, literacy, STEM, and science. <div>Pre-KTK</div>
P02 Adam Peterson - Featured Speaker Expedition: Engagement! Adam shares his tried and true ways for creating the most engaging and exciting learning spaces for early learners. From games and activities, to thematic units that flip learning on its head, you're sure to leave with ideas you can put into action right away in your own classroom. Addressing early learning standards has never been more fun! <div>Pre-KTK</div>	P08 Adam Peterson - Featured Speaker Positive Peer Partnerships Creating a family-like atmosphere from day one can be one of the most powerful things you can do for your students...and you! Adam shares his tips and tricks for building positive relationships between you and your students, between you and your students' families, and between your students and their peers. Best part...these ideas are things you can put into effect instantly with very little work on your end! Strong social skills and positive relationships can make your day-to-day routines run smoother than ever before. Get ready for team building fun with Adam during this interactive session! <div>Pre-KTK</div>
P03 Deedee Wills - Featured Speaker The Science of Reading: Part 1 of 2 What if we have been teaching students how to read all wrong? What if we could move away from intervention and focus our instruction on prevention? Deedee will walk us through the Science of Reading and offer ideas for instructional modifications. Note: This two-part session will encompass whole group instruction, small group instruction, and intensive instruction. (Please plan on joining Deedee at 12:45 p.m. in Session P09 for Part 2.) <div>K</div>	P09 Deedee Wills - Featured Speaker The Science of Reading: Part 2 of 2 This session is a continuation of Deedee's morning session. Attendees should attend Part 1 (P03) in the morning and Part 2 in the afternoon. <div>K</div>
P04 LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein - Featured Speaker Create a Math Mania Experience Using Dice, Dominoes & Decks of Cards Reinforce the 8 Mathematical Practices in a captivating way with entertaining centers and motivating games! Explore how to use dots, dice, dominoes, and decks of cards to lead your Little Learners towards mastery of the math standards. This style of hands-on engagement will allow our Junior Mathematicians to show and record their thinking using objects, words, pictures, and numbers. <div>K</div>	P10 LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein - Featured Speaker Drawing, Dictating & Writing: Unlock the Creative Minds of Writers with Foldable Fun & Book Making Memories Bring out the creative side of your young writers by offering a print-rich environment where they can collect all their ideas in one place. Meet the individual levels of your writers and find them confidently composing a drawing, dictating an opinion, and writing a description of their personal experience. Discover the powerful tool called Foldables and experience how to make individual or class books using different mediums, unique binding techniques and clever covers that stretch the imagination. You will leave this session with meaningful and memorable ways to "unfold" the foundational steps to successful writing instruction. <div>K</div>
P05 Shannon Cunningham - Featured Speaker Strive & Thrive with Growth Mindset & Critical Thinking Skills "I can't do it." "I quit!" "No, I can't!" "I am not smart." Do these hopeless sayings ring a bell? The sky's the limit when our students have a growth mindset. Discover strategies to encourage a growth mindset (the key to success in school and life) and teach critical thinking skills. Learn about a variety of fresh activities, classroom management tools, and resources you can use all year. Leave prepared to inspire students to persevere without fear! <div>1st</div>	P11 Shannon Cunningham - Featured Speaker An Introduction to STEAM Join this hands-on and interactive session on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and how to bring it into your first grade classroom. Learn to prepare your first graders for the future by challenging their critical thinking and inviting them to be innovators. Discover strategies for implementing and fully utilizing STEAM in your classroom with contagious excitement. <div>1st</div>
P06 Jessica Travis - Featured Speaker Guided Math and Engaging Math Stations Effective math instruction is critical for student success! This session dives deep into guided math and how to take your former math instruction into a simple, yet engaging block of learning. We will also explore all the engaging and fun ways to integrate math stations into your classroom. Templates, tricks, and tons of ideas will fill this session and leave you feeling confident about teaching math! <div>1st</div>	P12 Jessica Travis - Featured Speaker The Comprehension and Writing Conquest: Achieving Success with New Readers and Writers Do you find yourself staying on the surface level of comprehension with your students in fear of failure and afraid to dive too deeply into the text? Is writing an uncharted territory leaving you with more questions than success? Get tips, tools, and everything in between to make reading and writing a success. This hands-on session will build your confidence in teaching all learners in your classroom! <div>1st</div>

A01 Judy Ross

K/I Teacher

Discover the Wonders of STEM with Backyard Science Explorations!

Design insect playgrounds, create bubble solutions, and make wacky bubble blowers. Explore force and motion with natural materials and loose parts. Take an in-depth view of backyard science and explore STEM-based activities with everyday materials. Get a ton of activities you can implement tomorrow!

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A02 Kayla Harlow

Literacy Specialist Edtech Advocate

Soar With SeeSaw and Science of Reading

This session will provide actionable steps to support young readers through Science of Reading (SoR). Learn the basics of SoR and how to integrate these reading routines into small groups, center time, and even homework! Walk away with ready-to-use SeeSaw templates.

TK K 1st

A03 Danya Sanders-Hester & Belma Pera

Early Education TOSA/District Math Strategist

Early Numeracy and SEL Strategies—They Do Add Up!

SEL focuses on mindset, perseverance, risk-taking, relationships, and attitude—the same indicators that students build as they interact with math. Learn techniques to approach math and make your classroom an all inclusive, multicultural, safe place to learn. Get materials you can use Monday morning!

Pre-K TK K

A04 Carrie Flint

Physical Education Specialist/Consultant

Effective, Easy to Implement Classroom Management Strategies

Creating a positive, safe learning environment is key to student success. Classroom management is the foundation, however, many struggle with complicated, time consuming and ineffective strategies. Learn effective classroom organization and time management strategies to create a positive and productive classroom!

Pre-K TK K 1st

A05 Cindy Pahr

Special and General Education, Teaching, Training, Curriculum Development Specialist

Improve Motor Skills, Accelerate Progress!

Learn the importance of brain/motor development and their connection to attention and learning. Discover easy, fun, and practical strategies to improve fine and gross motor skills, organization, and attention related to classroom performance. Handwriting is emphasized.

Pre-K TK K 1st

A06 Christina Ramaya & Elizabeth Echeverri

Kindergarten Readiness Specialists

Supporting Social-Emotional Development with Interactive Read Alouds

Bring your read alouds to a new level of engagement while supporting your students' developmental needs in social competence and emotional maturity.

Pre-K TK K 1st

A07 Max Schafer

Teacher

Hair Curling Educational Ideas, Games, and Lessons Using Hair Curlers

This all-play, fast-paced, no lecture, hands-on make-and-take workshop shows you how to use bendable hair curlers as a multi-faceted educational tool to teach science, social studies, language arts, math, and PE skills. You will leave with dozens of new ideas and lots of samples.

Pre-K TK K

A08 Jessica Niessen & Lourdes Puyol

READ Coordinators

Building a Community of Readers

Building a Community of Readers is a curriculum that is designed to support teachers in planning and building instruction for the community of young readers in their classroom. Build independent readers and foster relationships among your students.

TK K 1st

A09 Luis Molina & Trish Aranez Morrison

Early Edge California Policy Analysts

Celebrating Multilingualism: Resources to Support Young Multilingual Learners

Explore the benefits of bilingualism and biliteracy in your classroom. Learn to integrate best practices, promote an asset-based approach to supporting young multilingual learners, and discover the Multilingual Learning Toolkit.

Pre-K TK K 1st

A10 Charmaine Erwin

Educational Consultant

Love to Move, Move to Learn with Zoo-phonics

Using the Zoo-phonics Characters, participants will learn how to turn abstract alphabets into a concrete literacy tool, accessible to all children, through playful Animal Letters, Alliterative Animal Names, and Body Movements. Maximize student learning, teach the alphabet, phonemic awareness, phonics, reading, spelling, writing and sentence structure through playful, game-formatted materials and activities.

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Questions?

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B01 Judy Ross

K/I Teacher

Journey Into, Through, & Beyond a Story with Art Explorations!

Read alouds invite "What if...?" and "I wonder...?" questions, inspiring us to create artwork! Journey "into, through, and beyond" the text as we create a "Do Nothing Machine" from loose parts and recycled materials, design a flotation device to save the Gingerbread Man, imagine art using alphabet letters, and explore the possibilities of a dot.

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B02 Pam Caffery

Consultant

Developing Computer Foundational Skills through Offline Coding

Building foundational skills like sequencing and symbol recognition is not only critical to beginning computer coding but serves as a foundation for mathematics and early reading acquisition. Use off-screen coding activities that are a playful exploration into building these critical foundational skills.

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B03 Margaret Palmer

Kindergarten Teacher

Clay Projects for Little Learners

Come take a hands-on journey through a year of monthly ceramic projects that align with literature, geometry, and STEAM. Attendees will make projects using provided materials. Please bring a shoebox sized container to take your creations home.

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B04 Lindsey Kealey

Professor of Elementary Education and ECE, Oregon State University

Problems are a Gift: Improving Behavior, Connection, and Growth

Learn effective strategies to support students' social and emotional learning, empowering them to make positive choices, regulate strong feelings, and collaboratively solve problems with others.

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B05 Heather Irwin

Kindergarten Teacher

Explain Yourself! Teaching Writing in Math

Ever wonder how to cement math concepts and give students opportunities to use their new math vocabulary? Learn strategies to encourage mathematicians to use new math vocabulary, orally state steps to solve a problem, and write about their math. Discuss ways to "share the pen," offer interactive, shared writing, and ideas for implementing student-written books about their math.

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B06 Kathleen Loyd

Kindergarten Teacher

Teaching and Trauma

Teaching has been a challenge post pandemic, teaching has been a challenge. Teachers are seeing a rise in behavioral issues ranging from a lack of social skills or immature behaviors to undiagnosed disabilities due to masking behaviors. Set your students up for success with the best practices for teaching with an understanding of trauma.

TK K 1st

B07 Patrick McKee

Director of Teacher Induction Program

Time to Get Organized

With so many papers to grade, meetings to attend, and emails to answer, how do you get it all done? There's more to teaching than just teaching—it's also managing the administrative parts of the classroom, including communication, grading, planning, and keeping up with all the schedules. Get new strategies that will transform your life!

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B08 Deborah Lennon & Tina Renzullo

Dual Language Learners Development Specialists

STEAM Dialogic Reading: Language and Literacy Through Home-School Connection

Dual Language Learners (DLLs) build academic vocabulary and discourse when engaging in structured conversations. Develop language and literacy skills with STEAM-themed texts, hands-on experiences, & families' funds of knowledge to explore interactive and dialogic reading strategies, levels of questioning, and prompts.

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B09 Elizabeth Neskovska

TK/K Teacher

Circle Time 3.0: Using Circles to Build Community, Empathy, and Social Emotional Wellness

Take your circle time to a new level by easily incorporating Restorative Practice Ideas to build community, empathy, and social-emotional wellness. This interactive learning experience will give you a ton of ideas for creating a positive and productive classroom.

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B10 Willy Villalpando

Early Education Consultant/Child Development Instructional Assistant

#IntersectionalPreschool: Advocating for Young Children in Our Classrooms

In a time of doubt in the abilities and identities of young children, we have to be their best advocates. Focus on why discussing race/ethnicity, gender, and other "tough subjects" is developmentally appropriate and get strategies for incorporating these discussions into curricula and subject matters throughout the day.

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C01 Kim Adsit Featured Speaker

Dollar Store Math

Get creative without breaking the bank! The dollar store has the supplies to create fun games that will have your kiddos begging to play. Kim will share how to use items from every section of the dollar store to create engaging math activities that cover a plethora of standards. Kim will also explain WHY conceptual learning is the BEST way to teach ALL of the math standards!

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C02 Shannon Cunningham Featured Speaker

Sing, Move, and Groove!

Get ready to move and have some fun! Shannon will fill your toolkit with remixes and original songs for high student engagement. Use movement and song to make a positive impact on your classroom management and culture. Regardless of your musical ability, these musical tricks make learning stick!

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C03 Katie Knight Featured Speaker

From "Surviving" to "Thriving"

We need REAL strategies and SOLUTIONS to thrive in this profession. Passion and talent can only carry you so far! This session is packed with tips that save you time, simplify the complex, and give you the space you need to thrive as a teacher.

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C04 Jackie Kops Featured Speaker

Learning How to Write Letters and Numbers with Tiny Treasures

Writing letters and numbers is FUN using inexpensive items from the dollar store! Learn new hands-on strategies and activities for teaching letter and number formation using tiny treasures like mini-erasers, gems, seasonal table scatter, sensory bags, writing trays, and fun non-traditional writing surfaces like foil.

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C05 Adam Peterson Featured Speaker

Teach, Play, Learn!

Ever feel bogged down with curriculum, standards, and new manuals? Well, never fear, Adam is here! Using tried and true methods, Adam will have you laughing, moving, playing, and learning as you explore ways to make your standards more fun than ever before. With simple tweaks and classroom hacks to board games, card games, and more, you will have your students of any age learning through play!

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C06 Jessica Travis Featured Speaker

Science in a Snap! Making Science Fun and Engaging

Give science the attention that it deserves in your classroom. It is just as important as reading and math! Satisfy your young learners' hunger for hands-on and engaging science experiences with Jessica's tips and tools.

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C07 Deedee Wills Featured Speaker

Writers' Workshop

Imagine a classroom where students are writing every day with purpose and direction. That's the beauty of Writers' Workshop! Create a Writers' Workshop that engages every child and provides the framework of your writing instruction. Empower and involve your students in daily writing, conferencing, collaboration, and publishing.

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C08 LeAnna Wolks Goldstein Featured Speaker

Discipline Problems? Solutions for Classroom Management

Turn around those behavior challenges! Find successful ways to handle conflict and discipline problems with integrity and teach your children to be respectful and responsible. LeAnna prescribes a balance between natural consequences and positive reinforcement that results in students with greater self-esteem, satisfied parents, and an enjoyable atmosphere in which to teach. Please bring scissors, crayons or markers, and a glue stick.

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C09 Angie Meredith Consultant

Multi-Sensory Literacy for Early Childhood

See how using multi-sensory manipulatives allow young learners to listen to and manipulate sounds before reading them. Develop literacy skills while engaging in learning sound and spelling relationships, decoding strategies, and reading fluency. Experience lessons that include visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and tactile instruction.

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C10 Sundrina Cottrell Educator, Storyteller, Curriculum Specialist

Making Meaningful Connections at Story Time Using Puppets and Felt

During this participation-rich workshop attendees will learn approaches for handling puppet/felt pieces as well as storytelling techniques that are effective in keeping children engaged, improving content comprehension, and fostering teacher/learner connections.

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D01 Kim Adsit Featured Speaker

Math Centers that Matter

Learn to organize and run math centers that will make your kids mathematicians in no time! Kim's ideas for organizing math centers ensure math standards are taught and maintained throughout the year. She'll share activities, games, and journal ideas and show you how math centers enable you to work with small groups to provide both enrichment and tutorial activities for all learners!

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D02 Shannon Cunningham Featured Speaker

Amp Up Your Writing Across the Genres

Amp up student writing by implementing Shannon's tips, tricks, and lesson ideas across all genres of writing! She shares how to equip your first graders with the necessary skills to be lifelong writers. From exciting research to personal narratives, gain ideas for keeping your students engaged in writing all year long.

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D03 Katie Knight Featured Speaker

Manage Their Mischief 1.0 (First Steps)

Aren't we all looking for new and innovative ways to manage students' behavior and keep them engaged? Come enjoy videos of class chants, songs and see gimmicks and gadgets that harness all that K-1 energy! This sell-out session will have you laughing and learning as Katie offers relatable scenarios with actionable solutions for creating a happy, self-managing, and safe classroom for kids and teachers alike!

K Ist

D04 Jackie Kops Featured Speaker

Transforming the Dramatic Play Center

Let students take the lead in their learning! Change your dramatic play center into an Ice Cream Shop, Pumpkin Patch, Campsite, Auto Shop, or another place related to your learning theme! Learn quick and easy ways to embed literacy, math, STEM, science and fine motor into their play! Plan out one dramatic play transformation together.

Pre-K TK

D05 Adam Peterson Featured Speaker

Dollar Store Teacher Challenge

Who doesn't love a good dollar deal, right? Adam will share some ideas for creating cheap, easy to implement activities using items from your local dollar store. Then, get ready for a challenge as Adam tests your creativity! Crafts, games, and more that all align to standards and teach skills in fun ways!

Pre-K TK K Ist

D06 Jessica Travis Featured Speaker

A Social Studies Gathering: Literacy is Invited!

We focus much of our teaching on reading, writing, and math - leaving out Social Studies! Are your students missing the important and FUN information that Social Studies provides? Integrate it into your already planned instruction - making it engaging, meaningful, and fun while gathering tips, tricks, and ways to fit it all in.

K Ist

D07 Deedee Wills Featured Speaker

Interactive Read Alouds

How do you teach emergent readers to become deep thinkers and engage in focused discussions? How do you scaffold and support their attempts and transfer their learning to new situations? It doesn't just happen—it comes from deliberate instruction. Deedee will walk you through the process of planning an interactive read aloud for deliberate instruction.

Pre-K TK K Ist

D08 LeAnna Wolks Goldstein Featured Speaker

Reeling Learners In with Active Engagement Strategies—Take Learning To The Next Level

Hey Teachers...Hey What? Let's hook our students from the start using novel items that motivate young learners. Get to know your students while building relationships in your collaborative learning community! Foster a positive learning experience by incorporating music, movement, and songs and continue to build a Teacher Tacklebox to you successfully tackle your daily objectives.

Pre-K TK K Ist

D09 Jean Barbre Adjunct Professor

Building Resiliency and Social-Emotional Skills During Challenging Times

Today, we are teaching children in unprecedented and challenging times. Learn differentiated instruction and hands-on strength-based approaches that build resiliency, social-emotional skills, and support diversity in students.

Pre-K TK K Ist


D10 George Lightholder & Tessie Lightholder Science Specialists

Dr. Flubber's Wild and Crazy Science Experiments!

Learn classroom-tested, teacher-approved, fun, and amazing science experiments that get your students jazzed about science. Discover the actual scientific reasoning that explains the "how, what, and why" behind each experiment.

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Each attendee will have exclusive online access to all of the handouts for every session at the conference—a great source of quality tools, resources, and lesson ideas for you and your classroom. Download your handouts prior to the conference onto the device (smart phone, tablet, laptop, etc.) that you'll be bringing to the conference or print your handouts and bring them with you. Handouts will not be provided at the event.

<p>E01 Kim Adsit Featured Speaker</p> <p>Creating Confident Writers</p> <p>If you've ever wondered who is in charge of the writing in your room, then this session is for you. Come learn creative, fun ways to release gradual control of the writing to the children. You will learn ideas for all types of writing—modeled, shared, interactive, guided, and independent. Kim will also share mini lessons that will definitely put the children in charge!</p> <div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<p>E02 Shannon Cunningham Featured Speaker</p> <p>Engaging Read Alouds for the Whole Crowd</p> <p>How can you use one story to meet the needs of all your first graders and encourage their growth? Enrich your read alouds to maximize the learning of all students. From building schema for ESL students and challenging critical thinking, to taking a book cross-curricular, Shannon's strategies will re-energize and prepare you to address diverse needs in your read alouds.</p> <div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<p>E03 Katie Knight Featured Speaker</p> <p>Manage their Mischief 2.0 (Next Steps)</p> <p>Come get the best ideas for management in the moment when a child is freaking out. Katie will share her best tips for calming and empowering a child who is stuck. You will leave equipped with materials and new phrases that flip a moment from heated to helping! Katie's sessions are known to sell out fast. She delivers actionable ideas in a funny and relatable way!</p> <div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>
<p>E04 Jackie Kops Featured Speaker</p> <p>Raising Young Scientists: Investigating in the Science Center</p> <p>Intentionally plan fun, hands-on science investigations at the science table. Get students investigating, interacting with each other, and problem solving even when the teacher is not by their side. Learn the essential items you need to set up an amazing science center for your little scientists.</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> </div>	<p>E05 Adam Peterson Featured Speaker</p> <p>Creative Crafts for Curious Kids!</p> <p>Let's get crafty! Hands-on learning is such a powerful tool. From ELA to Math, Science to Social Studies, Adam will share some of his students' favorite crafts to extend learning beyond the lessons. Explore the crafts Adam creates with his students day-to-day and you're sure to find easy ways to incorporate crafts into your own classroom!</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<p>E06 Jessica Travis Featured Speaker</p> <p>Guided Reading Showtime!</p> <p>It's SHOWTIME—for Guided Reading that is! Get ready dive into everything about guided reading! From setting up your groups, collecting data, implementing a guided reading lesson, to tracking student success, you will feel confident with guided reading in your classroom.</p> <div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>
<p>E07 Deedee Wills Featured Speaker</p> <p>Shared Reading, Poetry, and Song!</p> <p>Kick reading engagement into high gear with daily poetry and shared reading fun! Keep your students engaged and motivated, while meeting the phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and reading fluency standards. Reach students of all learning styles while they sing, move, and fall in love with poetry.</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<p>E08 LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein Featured Speaker</p> <p>Let's Explore the Hands-On World of Fine Motor Development and Sensory Exploration</p> <p>Learn to offer children safe interactions using fine motor realia, project based learning, and higher order thinking games. Stimulating sensory explorations help young adventurers to gain independence as they become empowered to "give it a go," taking initiative to try new things on their own. Integrate fine motor development and sensory exploration into your daily lessons to build relationships and motivate your students.</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<p>E09 Dwayne Kohn Kindergarten Teacher, Author, Illustrator</p> <p>Draw (Almost) Anything in Six Simple Steps</p> <p>Just like learning to read and write, students can also learn to draw! Using directed drawing in the classroom makes almost any topic more memorable. Learn how to draw over 100 everyday items in simple steps. Participants will receive a digital file with 100 mini-lessons!</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>
<p>E10 Georgla Frawley & Ken Frawley Retired Teacher • Children's Songwriter, Author, Producer</p> <p>Signed Phonics—Combine ASL and Music to Teach ABCs and Phonics</p> <p>This classroom tested program combines the fine motor movement of American Sign Language and music into your curriculum to learn ABC and phonics rules. Differentiate lessons and enhance the learning process by bringing visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning to your lessons.</p> <div> <div>Pre-K</div> <div>TK</div> <div>K</div> <div>Ist</div> </div>	<div>  <p>Participants who attend the Pre-Conference Seminar on Friday, February 24th from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will receive a Continuing Professional Education certificate for 5 hours and 30 minutes.</p> <p>Each Participant who attends the Annual Conference on Friday, February 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will receive a certificate for 10 hours of Continuing Professional Education credit.</p> </div>	



<p>F01 Kim Adsit & Adam Peterson Featured Speakers</p> <p>The Science Box</p> <p>Ready to pump up your science time? Two of our featured speakers, Kim and Adam, will share how a simple box is a game changer! They will share how to set the stage for interactive science time in your weekly schedule to support your literacy standards! They will also share some of their simple science experiments that will cultivate kids that "think" like scientists.</p> <p>K Ist</p>	<p>F02 Shannon Cunningham Featured Speaker</p> <p>Teaching Phonological Awareness: The Who, What, Why, and How!</p> <p>Phonological awareness skills can be a strong predictor of future reading success. Shannon will introduce the science and research for understanding how phonological awareness skills support orthographic mapping for young readers. Develop systematic phonological awareness lessons and instructional ideas and routines that will keep students engaged.</p> <p>Ist</p>	<p>F03 Katie Knight Featured Speaker</p> <p>Happy and Organized</p> <p>This is a sell-out session every time, so grab your seat early! Katie is ready to share her top 10 ways to stay happy and organized! This fast-paced session will have you laughing and send you out the door energized with easy-to-implement ideas that are game changers for teachers!</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>
<p>F04 Jackie Kops Featured Speaker</p> <p>Pre-Writing, Fine Motor FUN Using Fine Motor Journals</p> <p>Fine motor journals are a quick, engaging way to strengthen students' overall fine motor skills, pencil grasp, scissor skills, and handwriting foundations. In this session, you will learn how to implement fine motor journals and why they are a powerful tool in the classroom. Jackie will highlight various activities you can do in the journals based on your students' needs and development.</p> <p>Pre-K TK</p>	<p>F05 Jessica Travis Featured Speaker</p> <p>Dare to Share! Shared Reading and Read Aloud Success</p> <p>Jessica provides the tips, tools, and hands-on experience you need to implement read aloud and shared reading lessons with confidence. Incorporate multiple literacy skills and concepts within a single lesson, even if you don't have much time. Invite students at any reading level to experience guidance and support through a read aloud session.</p> <p>K Ist</p>	<p>F06 Deedee Wills Featured Speaker</p> <p>Mastering Centers Like a Boss</p> <p>Focused, independent, and meaningful center time is not a myth! You CAN master center time! Create a plan for stress-free and predictable center time allowing you to work with small groups. Your students will love it and you will love how they shine in their independence.</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>
<p>F07 LeAnna Wolks Goldstein Featured Speaker</p> <p>Play is Serious Learning!</p> <p>Did you know that providing opportunities for play in your classroom helps children develop a variety of skills that are necessary for academic success? See how you can inspire students to work cooperatively and learn to compromise all while exploring through play.</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>	<p>F08 Carrie Flint Physical Education Specialist/Consultant</p> <p>Cross Curricular Activities using Gross Motor Skills</p> <p>Research shows students learn best when they are fully engaged. This presentation is all about ACTIVE LEARNING, getting kids UP, MOVING, and LEARNING using a variety of cross curricular ideas and activities. Learn easy to implement activities focused on letters, numbers, colors, shapes, and themes. Carrie will also share music recommendations to enhance each lesson.</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>	<p>F09 Alma Orta Kindergarten Teacher</p> <p>Art and SEL: Teaching Art to Elevate Social Emotional Learning in Your Classroom</p> <p>In this hands-on workshop, you will learn to teach the art styles of Picasso, Kandinsky, and Pollack while addressing the SEL competencies in your classroom.</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>
<p>F10 Ken Frawley & Georgia Frawley Children's Songwriter, Author, Producer • Retired Teacher</p> <p>Music and Movement- A Great Way to Teach Core Concepts</p> <p>Learn fun songs to teach basic core concepts like ABCs, numbers, opposites, phonics rules, rhyming, creative language development, fine and gross motor skills, and more!</p> <p>Pre-K TK K Ist</p>	<p>Register before December 16, 2022 to get Early Bird Pricing!</p>	

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For quick and easy registration, you will find our registration form and instructions online at:

<https://courses4teachers.net/workshops/southern-california-kindergarten-conference/>

Two simple steps to register:

Step 1:

Get to know the policies of your school district regarding post-baccalaureate graduate semester courses, due dates, etc.

Districts also vary in policy on the following issues:

- Whether they require prior approval for courses.
- Whether they require an Official Transcript for grade submission.
- Deadline for submitting your grades towards salary advancement.

What information to provide your district should you need prior approval:

- The name of the university (University of the Pacific).
- The course titles and course numbers you select.
- The number of graduate-level professional development semester credits per course you are taking.

Step 2:

Please register based on the conference you attended. The conference(s) you attend vary between 1, 2, or 3-units:

OPTION I: 1 Graduate-Level Professional Development Semester Credit Awarded, 1 unit

1. Attend both Pre-Conference Sessions on Friday, February 24, 2023 from 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,
2. Complete 9.5 hours of required reading, research, and/or curriculum development work you have done prior to or during the conference.
3. Meet with the SCKC Professional Development representative on February 24, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. in room 206 to sign off on requirements and receive Certificate of Completion for 15 hours.
4. Complete registration and payment to the University of the Pacific using the link below.
5. Attach your Certificate of Completion from Southern California Kindergarten Conference. Your certificate is valid for 12 months.

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OPTION II: 2 Graduate-Level Professional Development Semester Credit Awarded, 2-units

1. Attend all of the Annual Conference Workshops (A-F): Friday, February 24, 2023 from 4:00- 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
2. Complete 20 hours of required reading, research, and/or curriculum development work you have done prior to or during the conference.
3. Meet with the SCKC Professional Development representative on February 25, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. in room 206 to sign off on requirements and receive Certificate of Completion for 30 hours.
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OPTION III: 3 Graduate-Level Professional Development Semester Credit Awarded, 3-units

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2. Complete 29.5 hours of required reading, research, and/or curriculum development work you have done prior to or during the conference.
3. Meet with the SCKC Professional Development representative on February 25, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. in room 206 to sign off on requirements and receive Certificate of Completion for 45 hours.
4. Complete registration and payment to the University of the Pacific using the link below.
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EDUP 9188 Promoting Social Emotional Learning and Growth
EDUP 9189 Social Emotional Learning Practice
PECE 9000 Teaching Foundational Reading Skills to ECE Students
PECE 9001 Teaching Foundational Math Skills to ECE Students
PECE 9002 Supporting English Language Development in the ECE Classroom
PECE 9003 Assessment of ECE Goals and Lesson Plan Effectiveness
PECE 9004 Understanding Developmental Stages of Early Childhood
PECE 9005 Promoting Social Emotional Growth in ECE Students
PEDU 9040 Safe and Respectful Learning Environments
PEDU 9044 Strategies to Help Children with Learning Challenges
PEDU 9046 Introducing More Literature into your Reading Program
PEDU 9051 Focusing on Objectives for Teaching Reading
PEDU 9055 Focusing on Objectives for Teaching Writing Skills
PEDU 9254 Incorporating Game-Based Learning into Your Curriculum
PEDU 9294 Reading, Writing and Math Curriculum for PreK, TK and K Teachers

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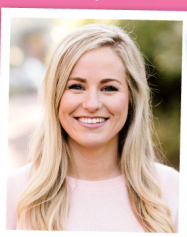
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