



# KIM ADSIT

## BIO:

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 the curiosity of children, thus planting the seed for lifelong learning. Kim has been selected as an Expert Teacher and 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 that are available on the [teacherspayteachers.com](http://teacherspayteachers.com) website and is always sharing her tips and tricks on her popular blog, Kindergals.

## SESSIONS:

- "Dollar Store Math" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C01)
- "Math Centers that Matter" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D01)
- "Creating Confident Writers" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E01)
- "The Science Box" Presented with Adam Peterson, Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F01)





# SHANNON CUNNINGHAM

## BIO:

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 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 loves to share ideas that make the classroom a safe place for students to learn, grow, and have fun.

## SESSIONS:

- \* "Strive & Thrive with Growth Mindset & Critical Thinking Skills" Friday, February 24th, (P05 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- \* "An Introduction to STEAM" Friday, February 24th, (P11 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- \* "Sing, Move, and Groove!" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C02)
- \* "Amp Up Your Writing Across the Genres" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D02)
- \* "Engaging Read Alouds for the Whole Crowd" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E02)
- \* "Teaching Phonological Awareness: The Who, What, Why, and How!" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F02)





# KATIE KNIGHT

## BIO:

Katie Knight is a funny yet fiery first grade teacher who loves to share her time-tested ideas from 20+ years in the classroom! Katie's passion for speaking at conferences comes from her knowing these are game-changer ideas that help teachers become consistently happy and organized while helping their young students grow in maturity and as readers and writers! Katie speaks nationally at conferences, and you can find her on social media, Teachers Pay Teachers and her blog, Teacher To The Core! Katie welcomes you in, and has you laughing, feeling energized, and leaves you equipped to take action and make your teaching life easier! You will leave Katie's sessions having laughed and learned, but most importantly equipped with easy to implement ideas!

## SESSIONS:

- \* From "Surviving" to "Thriving" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C03)
- \* "Manage Their Mischief 1.0 (First Steps)" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D03)
- \* "Manage Their Mischief 2.0 (Next Steps)" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E03)
- \* "Happy and Organized" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F03)



# JACKIE KOPS



## BIO:

Jackie is an enthusiastic preschool teacher with over fourteen years of classroom teaching experience in both full-day and half-day settings. She is from Missouri where she earned a Masters and Bachelors 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 you with play-based activities, themed centers, and supports that nurture and challenge little learners in a caring classroom community. In addition to teaching, she is the teacher-author and CEO behind Pocket of Preschool ([www.pocketofpreschool.com](http://www.pocketofpreschool.com)) and loves to share her passion with other educators.

## SESSIONS:

- \* "Re-Energize the Learning Environment" Friday, February 24th, (P01 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- \* "All Things Playdough and Sensory Tables that Teach" Friday, February 24th, (P07 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- \* "Learning How to Write Letters and Numbers with Tiny Treasures" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C04)
- \* "Transforming the Dramatic Play Center" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D04)
- \* "Raising Young Scientists: Investigating in the Science Center" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E04)
- \* "Pre-Writing, Fine Motor FUN using Fine Motor Journals" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F04)





# ADAM PETERSON

## BIO:

Adam Peterson 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's most recent accomplishment was being 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!

## SESSIONS:

- "Expedition: Engagement!" Friday, February 24th, (P02 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- "Positive Peer Partnerships" Friday, February 24th, (P08 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- "Teach, Play, Learn!" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C05)
- "Dollar Store Teacher Challenge" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D05)
- "Creative Crafts for Curious Kids!" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E05)
- "The Science Box" Presented with Kim Adsit. Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F01)





# JESSICA TRAVIS

## BIO:

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 three 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.

## SESSIONS:

- "Guided Math and Engaging Math Stations" Friday, February 24th, (P06 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- "The Comprehension and Writing Conquest: Achieving Success with New Readers and Writers" Friday, February 24th, (PI2 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- "Science in a Snap! Making Science Fun and Engaging" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C06)
- "A Social Studies Gathering: Literacy is Invited!" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D06)
- "Guided Reading Showtime!" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E06)
- "Dare to Share! Shared Reading and Read Aloud Success" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F05)





# DEEDEE WILLS

## BIO:

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 podcast, The Classroom Collaborative. Her sessions are a great way to tap into her creative, fresh ideas for creating a classroom where every kindergartener has fun and succeeds.

## SESSIONS:

- "The Science of Reading: Part 1 of 2" Friday, February 24th, (P03 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- "The Science of Reading: Part 2 of 2" Friday, February 24th, (P09 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- "Writers' Workshop" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C07)
- "Interactive Read Alouds" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D07)
- "Shared Reading, Poetry, and Song!" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E07)
- "Mastering Centers Like a Boss" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F06)





# LEANNA WOLKIS GOLDSTEIN

## BIO:

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 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 & manipulatives that foster 100% student engagement.

## SESSIONS:

- "Create a Math Mania Experience Using Dice, Dominoes, and Decks of Cards" Friday, February 24th, (P04 Pre-conference Seminar, Morning)
- "Drawing, Dictating & Writing: Unlock the Creative Minds of Writers with Foldable Fun & Book Making Memories" Friday, February 24th, (P10 Pre-conference Seminar, Afternoon)
- "Discipline Problems? Solutions for Classroom Management" Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C08)
- "Reeling Learners In with Active Engagement Strategies- Take Learning to the Next Level" Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D08)
- "Let's Explore the Hands-on World of Fine Motor Development and Sensory Exploration" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E08)
- "Play is Serious Learning!" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F07)





## JUDY ROSS

### SESSIONS:

- "Discover the Wonders of STEM with Backyard Science Explorations!" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A01)
- "Journey Into, Through, and Beyond a Story with Art Explorations!" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Session B01)



## KAYLA HARLOW

### SESSION:

- "Soar With SeeSaw and Science of Reading" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A02)



KAREN GOOD



JERMAINE MAGEE



BELMA PERA



DANYA SANDERS-HESTER



WILLIAM VILLALPANDO

### SESSION:

- "Early Numeracy and SEL Strategies-They Do Add Up!" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A03)



## CARRIE FLINT

### SESSIONS:

- "Effective and Easy to Implement Classroom Management Strategies" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A04)
- "Cross Curricular Activities Using Gross Motor Skills" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F08)



## CINDY PAHR

### SESSION:

- "Improve Motor Skills, Accelerate Progress!" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A05)



CHRISTINA RAMAYA

### SESSION:

- "Supporting Social-Emotional Development with Interactive Read Alouds" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A06)



ELIZABETH ECHEVERRI



## MAX SCHAFER

### SESSION:

- "Hair Curling Educational Ideas, Games and Lessons Using Hair Curlers" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A07)



JESSICA NIESSEN

LOURDES PUYOL

### SESSION:

- "Building a Community of Readers" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m. to 5:15p.m. (Session A08)





**LUIS  
MOLINA**

### SESSION:

• "Celebrating Multilingualism: Resources to Support Young Multilingual Learners" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m.to 5:15p.m. (Session A09)



**TRISH  
ARANA  
MORRISON**



# CHARMAINE ERWIN

### SESSION:

• "Love to Move, Move to Learn with Zoo-phonics" Friday, February 24th, 4:00p.m.to 5:15p.m. (Session A10)



# PAM CAFFERY

### SESSION:

• "Developing Computer Foundational Skills through Offline Coding" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B02)



# MARGARET PALMER

### SESSION:

• "Clay Projects For Little Learners" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B03)



# LINDSEY KEALEY

### SESSION:

• "Problems are a Gift: Improving Behavior, Connection, and Growth" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B04)



# HEATHER IRWIN

### SESSION:

• "Explain Yourself! Teaching Writing in Math" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B05)



# KATHLEEN LOYD

### SESSION:

• "Teaching and Trauma" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B06)



# PATRICK MCKEE

### SESSION:

• "Time to Get Organized" Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m.to 7:00p.m. (Session B07)





DEBORAH  
LENNON

### SESSION:

- "STEAM Dialogic Reading: Language and Literacy Through Home-School Connection"  
Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Session B08)



TINA  
RENZULLO



ELIZABETH  
NESKOVSKA

### SESSION:

- "Circle Time 3.0: Using Circles to Build Community, Empathy, and Social Emotional Wellness"  
Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Session B09)



WILLY  
VILLALPANDO

### SESSION:

- "#IntersectionalPreschool: Advocating for Young Children in Our Classrooms"  
Friday, February 24th, 5:45p.m. to 7:00p.m. (Session B10)



ANGIE  
MEREDITH

### SESSION:

- "Multi-Sensory Literacy For Early Childhood"  
Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C09)



SUNDRINA  
COTTRELL

### SESSION:

- "Making Meaningful Connections at Story Time Using Puppets and Felts"  
Saturday, February 25th, 8:30a.m. to 9:45a.m. (Session C10)



JEAN BARBRE

### SESSION:

- "Building Resiliency and Social-Emotional Skills During Challenging Times"  
Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D09)



GEORGE & TESSIE  
LIGHTHOLDER

### SESSION:

- "Dr. Flubber's Wild and Crazy Science Experiments!"  
Saturday, February 25th, 10:15a.m. to 11:30a.m. (Session D10)



DWAYNE KOHN

### SESSION:

- "Draw (Almost) Anything in Six Simple Steps" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E09)





## KEN & GEORGIA FRAWLEY

**SESSIONS:**

- "Signed Phonics- Combine ASL and Music to Teach ABCs and Phonics" Saturday, February 25th, 1:00p.m. to 2:15p.m. (Session E10)
- "Music and Movement- A Great Way to Teach Core Concepts" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F10)





## ALMA ORTA

**SESSION:**

- "Art and SEL- Teaching Art to Elevate Social Emotional Learning in Your Classroom" Saturday, February 25th, 2:45p.m. to 4:00p.m. (Session F09)



