

May 2, 2015

Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st Grade Professional Development

Pre-K 4 SA South Training Facility
7031 S. New Braunfels, 78223



Interactive and informative sessions are available for Pre-K, Kinder & 1st Grade Teachers, free of charge. All sessions are taught by Texas Certified Early Childhood Educators through San Antonio's Pre-K 4 SA initiative which aims to improve the educational trajectory for local children PK-3rd grade.

You may choose a session from each time block. Lunch is on your own. Sessions available on this date:

<p>8:30-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Listening and Reading Comprehension During Story Time</u></p> <p>Setting a strong foundation in emergent literacy will provide students with opportunities to learn skills and strategies that will lead to the development of reading comprehension. This session will provide information on the process of engaging students in personal experiences that will stimulate the development of early reading skills. Join us to explore the magic of books through the implementation of developmentally appropriate strategies such as interactive reading, story structure and graphic organizers. With the use of these strategies, you will give students the opportunity to experience literature with a deeper understanding and awareness by building meaning behind books. (Audience: PK—K)</p>	<p><u>Getting in Touch with Children's Brains</u></p> <p>This session will discuss findings in brain research and how it applies to children in their early elementary years (ages 4-7). Educators will gain an understanding of how the brain learns and how this impacts instruction. Developmentally appropriate techniques and strategies to support learning will be provided. Information such as brain breaks, refocusing strategies, activities to strengthen neural pathways, and others will be shared.</p> <p>Correlation: By providing an overview of brain development, teachers gain knowledge and understanding to create developmentally appropriate lessons that correlate to the Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines and Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills for Grade Kindergarten and 1st. (Audience: PK-K)</p>
<p>12:30-3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Critical Literacy: Using Picture Books For More Than Just Reading</u></p> <p>Critical literacy begins with asking questions which comes automatically for young children. We'll explore how to combine that innate characteristic of young children with the multimodal usage and endless concepts of picture books that can be discovered and taught in a few afternoons. We'll also cover the top reasons picture books are important and review a few great books that should be a part of your classroom library and Math and Literacy Centers. (Audience: K-1)</p>	<p><u>Making Large Group fun and meaningful!</u></p> <p>Tired of having the same old large groups? Are your students getting tired of the same large groups? Come and explore a different way to teach the Pre-K guidelines and TEKS that are fun, meaningful and a great way to cover more than just one standard. Early childhood is a concept that seems to be forgotten once a child leaves Pre-K, but early childhood according to NAEYC is a concept that should last up until 3rd grade. The same old sit and get routine seems to be pushing our students farther behind. The research indicates that when children's interests are taken into consideration along with the research on how children's minds develop, then we are creating a better chance for them to be successful far longer than just one year. Many domains will be addressed in this training. Be prepared to move so wear comfortable clothing and also be ready to have some fun! (Audience: PK-K)</p>

All sessions are aligned to the Texas

Pre-K Guidelines, Kindergarten &/or 1st Grade TEKS!

To register for this free opportunity, please email

1. your full name
2. district & school name & grade level
3. contact phone number
4. title(s) of the one or two sessions you plan to attend



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