



Day One - October 18th, 2021

8:00 am CST

Keynote by Hope and Wade King – Prize and Prioritize

It's no secret that this season of teaching and the world of education is a little...overwhelming. With things changing every second of every day placing a focus on student engagement seems like a big ask. Let's be honest, there are only so many hours in the day. So how do we show up best for our students? How do we ensure that they grow a love for daily learning while maintaining all of the mandates, protocols, and hit all of those content standards? It's all about those priorities. Join Hope and Wade King as they give you something that you rarely find in education...time. Time to pause, reflect, and create a plan to move forward with sustainable goals that will yield huge academic impacts and deepen your connection with your students.

The Differentiating Classroom

Elizabeth Coller - Power Up! Transferring Ownership to your Students!

In this session, Elizabeth will share strategies that she has used in her classroom to help her students develop ownership for their classroom community, space, and work. She will share some real-life examples of classroom contracts that she and her students came up with and talk about her built in accountability classroom management system! You will leave with several tools you can use in your classroom today!

Donna Whyte - The Quickest Path for Reading Success! - Utilizing Progress Monitoring that will Boost Reading Levels

Join Donna as she shares her 'Where to Start Test', Reading Continuum and Phonics Progress Monitoring Tool to easily determine where to start teaching any level of reader in your class. Target skills that will guarantee your students move up levels. Leave with a better understanding of the quickest path forward for reading success!

Michael Creekmore - SEL: More Than Surface Layer

During this presentation, viewers will learn how to go deeper with SEL, specifically with Social Awareness. Educators will be challenged to identify their biases, while helping young students develop and understand the importance of empathy. Both educators and students should be motivated to expand cultural awareness. Little scholars can do BIG things.

LeAnna Wolkis-Goldstein - Shake Up Your Centers to Tailor the Differing Needs of Your Young Learners While Successfully Differentiating Your Instruction!

When you want to reach the different levels of your children's abilities . . . offering Differentiated Instruction can be the most successful way to go! If students' needs are different, why wouldn't it make perfect sense to offer information differently? By managing meaningful centers that are perfectly matched up with student learning styles, you'll be headed miles down the Road to Success! Join LeAnna while she shares a variety of independent activities to reach all of your lucky learners!

Adam Dovico & Katie Mense - "Squeezing" Fine Motor Skills into the Standards

Curriculum and instruction is at the forefront of any educator's mind. But there are many elements of the "hidden curriculum" that present opportunities to enhance the whole child. One of those dexterities is fine motor skills in the primary grades. Strengthening students' fine motor skills aids them in building hand-eye coordination, grasping items, and using utensils, just to name a few. Join veteran educators Katie Mense and Adam Dovico as they demonstrate how to take popular primary standards and integrate fine motor skills into what you teach!

Silvana Spence - Differentiated Reading Activities to Engage Diverse Learners

In this session you'll learn different reading activities to engage diverse learners while making reading fun, meaningful and purposeful.

Digital Get Down

Mary Amoson - Time Saving Class Dojo Tips

Save your time and sanity. Mary will show you how to use Class Dojo as an all in one FREE app. She will show you how to change images to student pictures OR groups. She will show you how to use portfolios to collect data and share it with families. And she will show you how you can use Dojo points to redeem rewards in class with ease.

Keri Brown - Creating Independent Techies

Learn how to incorporate technology in your primary classroom with ease. I love creating independent learners in my classroom and this means with using tech, too! Let me teach you how to make it easy in 3, 2, 1!

Nita Creekmore - Reading Our Digital Thoughts Together!

In this session, Nita will discuss ways to think through a text in a digital way! She will explore a digital mini-lesson around thinking through a text and various ways that students can do that in a digital way. Teachers who are in person, hybrid, or even full digital can use this session!

Janet Corder - Tech Tools for Early Learners

Your little ones love to use the iPad and computers to play 'games', but how can they be used for instruction? You'll be amazed at the things even your tiny tots can do when given the chance to use iPads and computers to create and learn. Walk away with ideas that can be used immediately in the classroom.

Erin Kassly - Top Tips for "Rebooting" Your Remote Classroom

Does remote teaching have you in a rut? Are you wishing you could hit the refresh button on virtual learning? Join Erin Kassly as she expands on five ways to celebrate your remote classroom into a welcoming and engaging environment for both you and your students. Learn motivating strategies and cultivate classroom community with quick ideas that you can implement today!

Jim Bowler - And the Survey Says: Top 5

Wondering what are the Top 5 ELA apps recommended by teachers? The Top 5 Math Activities? Top 5 Assessment Solutions? Top 5 Books to Read in Class? Top 5 Inspirational TED Talks? Top 5 Art and Music Activities?

You will discover the answers to these and many more Top 5 lists. See the results from surveys that have been compiled from thousands of elementary teachers. We will also share a few fun lists including the Top 5 Things Not to Say at a Parent Conference and Top 5 Saturday Night Sketches about Teachers.

Day Two - October 19th, 2021

8:00 am CST

Keynote by Greg Smedley-Warren - #happyclassrooms

Let's be real: This school year is hard. But that doesn't mean there aren't amazing things happening in our classrooms! In this session Mr. Greg shares stories from his real life classroom that will remind us why we teach and how we can work together in this challenging year.

The Need to Read

Vanessa Levin - Top 5 Shortcuts to Skyrocket Alphabet Success

Do you teach your heart out every single day...but your kids just don't seem to be "getting it" when it comes to learning the alphabet? How do you get your little learners to remember the names of the letters? Which alphabet activities are the most effective?

Join Vanessa as she shares her top 5 tried and true shortcuts that will help skyrocket alphabet success in your classroom!

Angela Griffith - Fitting in Phonological Awareness

The school day is already jam-packed with things that we must do! How on earth can we fit it all in? Instruction in phonological awareness happens to be one of those things that cannot be put off for another day. Join Angela as she shares how to fit phonological awareness into the routines that you already have in place!

Matt Halpern - An Intro to the Science of Reading

Have you heard about the Science of Reading? Are you confused about how this new research fits into your already busy classroom? Join Matt as he explains the basics and demystifies the practice. Learn what the research means and some quick, simple, and engaging ways to bring best practices to your instruction.

Shannon Cunningham - Ready for Reading!

As teachers, we know that we have much to do in little time! Reading blocks can be filled with many components and can be a lot to manage. Join Shannon for meaningful ideas and resources that will provide structure and purpose to transform your literacy block to time well spent. Shannon will share strategies that will

encourage student independence, engagement, and smooth transitions so your student can thrive as readers!

Jessica Travis - The Comprehension Conquest: Comprehension Success with New Readers!

Do you find yourself staying at the surface level of comprehension and retelling with your students - afraid to dive too deep within the text because they are new readers? This session will ease your fears and will give you the tools to explore all levels of comprehension - no matter what level of reader they are! Your students will soon be on their way to comprehension experts!

Deedee Wills - MASTERING CENTERS LIKE A BOSS!

FOCUSED, INDEPENDENT, AND MEANINGFUL CENTER TIME IS NOT A MYTH! YOU CAN MASTER CENTER TIME! DEEDEE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO CREATE STRESS-FREE AND PREDICTABLE CENTER TIME SO YOU CAN WORK WITH YOUR SMALL GROUPS. YOUR STUDENTS WILL LOVE IT AND YOU WILL LOVE HOW INDEPENDENT THEY ARE.

Sam Williams - Brain-Based Strategies to Engage All Readers

In this session Sam will provide teachers with powerful strategies to help students learn and retain information in an engaging way. This training will give teachers a way to move from worksheets to engaging lessons and activities that ALL students will enjoy!

Kim Jordano - Time To Rhyme And Read!

Did you know Rhyming is an essential skill for developing readers? Kim will show you engaging hands on activities and simple ways to incorporate rhyming into your kindergarten classroom.

Kathy Crane - Explicitly Teaching The Early Grades Science of Reading Style

According to the science of reading, we know that young students need to be working with text in a way that supports their growing phonological and phonemic awareness. It can be difficult to find texts that support young students with limited knowledge to draw on, but through using systematic texts, blending lines, and targeted word instruction, students can be adequately supported in ways that grow their skills. Join me as I work through a Kindergarten explicit word work and a sample decodable lesson.

Numbers Make Sense

Kim Adsit - 1,2,3 Come Play with Me! Number Game Fun!

Are you looking for ways to get the most from teaching kids number sense? In this session Kim will share how to use assessments to determine the just right zone of instruction. She will show you how to use that information to play a plethora of games where ALL kids are learning! Kim will show you how you can save time by playing games that are easily adjusted to your kiddos academic needs all while they think they are playing!

Marcy Bernethy - Simple Strategies for Teaching 2-Digit Addition

Don't let teaching 2-digit addition intimidate you! Join Marcy as she shares four simple strategies for teaching addition with multi-digit numbers using models, mental math, and more.

Kelly Haynes - Bringing Math to life through Picture Books

Picture books are a great way to create mathematical thinkers. We will share some of our favorite stories to add to your classroom library. During the session, we will review books that are not always thought about as math books. Teachers and students will love these cross-curricular ways of learning and bringing the standards to life through the magic of a book.

Shannon Samulski-McCartney - Blast Off into Numeracy!

Join Shannon as we blast off into numeracy development! We will start by peeling back the layers of numeracy. Next you will discover easy ways to integrate numeracy activities while having fun! We will have a special visit from our Subitizing Superhero, Dotson and our famous Counting Buddy. You will leave equipped with lots of ideas for your Littles!

Beth Pittman - Making The Most of Math Time

Come and learn how Beth runs her math block in her classroom. See how she makes the most of whole group time, small group and center time. Come learn strategies to keep your students engaged and learning during math time!!

Day Three - October 20th, 2021

8:00 am CST

Keynote BY Shawn & Sheryl Brown "Let's Get Mental Clarity" What's the plan?

This session will examine the need to look at the emotional side of cultural diversity. Why is it important to be heard, understood and valued by others. You will be challenged to look at yourself as it relates to this session.

Engaging Students

Dr. Jean Feldman - Hocus Pocus - Everybody Focus!

You have to reach them before you can teach them. In this workshop Dr. Jean will demonstrate positive strategies to help children focus. You'll learn:\n*attention grabbers\n*tunes to guide children\n*chants and call backs\n*games to release wiggles

Todd Nesloney - When Kids Lead

Every one of us is a leader, yes even our students. Oftentimes we can make excuses on how are students are too young to lead. But the reality is, they aren't! In this session Todd will share some ideas on how you can help all your students lead (introverts and extroverts!)

Dr. Tron Young - Set the Stage to Engage

Student engagement is the fuel that drives meaningful learning opportunities. This session will give you ideas and strategies that will help create an environment that will have students running to your class to be engaged!

Alexia Pendleton - Lit learning: Engaging students through music and dance

Students now more than ever need learning experiences that inspire and excite them. Teachers also deserve to feel that magic and Joy everyday! This session will provide you with ways to engage your students by incorporating music and dance into your daily routine! Let's get the party started!

Dr. Lori Elliott - Kick Up Engagement with Integrated Units!

Make every minute count and engage students with integrated units. Lori will share how she teaches ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science standards through her favorite thematic units. You will discover fun ideas for kicking up engagement and learning!

Johora Warren - Hook Em and Book Em!

Do your students hate reading? Have no fear! Join Sojo as she shares tips and strategies to “hook” your students through books and literacy!

Jamie Hubbard - AMP UP YOUR DAY WITH PLAY

Join Jamie as she discusses and shares new and exciting ideas of incorporating play throughout your PreK school day. From learning centers to dramatic play, this session will be full of fun things to get started in your classroom right away!

Cynthia Kaye - Take Student, Teacher, and Family Engagement through the Roof with 7 Mind-Boggling Tech Resources!

Flexible, Easy, and Effective. Learn about 7 tech resources that were developed utilizing brain science and are proven by evidence-based research to increase student engagement and outcomes. See the innovative 3D technology, augmented reality, and how teachers use it to capture their students' imaginations. Whether you're teaching in-class, virtually, or both, you'll find that these mind-boggling resources will excite and motivate your students while learning reading, writing, math, STEM, and social-emotional skills. Join Cynthia and the Zoo Crew by watching this video presentation as we tour through the Alive Studios Zoo with our 3D augmented reality animals! You'll also walk away with 2 FREE resources you can begin using immediately!

Save 400 Hours

Julie Davis - All that extra time? Now what?

Are you spending hours preparing assessments and giving the assessments? Then when you are done, now you have stacks of papers to sort through just to get the data you are looking for? You finally gather all of your data and now you don't know what to do next? Let me show you some quick, time saving tips on ways to collect data. Then, use the data to help differentiate, plan for small groups, and centers. You can use the time you save to sit back, grab a good book (or watch your favorite TV show) and relax at home.

Angela French & Cindy Price - Technology + Hands On Activities = Academic Success

In this session, Angela and Cindy will discuss how to take hands-on teaching to the next level by incorporating ESGI assessments. Cindy uses ESGI in her classroom and Angela creates products for teachers and students. Together, they will go over one of the best features of ESGI; the ability to use and create assessments with the hands-on activities you use in your classroom daily. From preloaded assessments to creating your own, you will learn how to assess your students without them realizing they are being assessed. Throughout the session, Really Good Stuff products are featured in the discussion on different ways that you can use their innovative, hands-on features, to take learning and assessing to the next level.

Farrah Henley - Center Planning Made Easy - With ESGI

Do you sit down each week and wonder..."What should I put in my centers?" In this session, Farrah will show you how to focus the work in your centers to help your students get the review and enrichment they need so that your centers are no longer just BUSY WORK! She will show you how you can use the powerful data inside ESGI to guide your center planning for small groups.

Palma Lindsay - "Numbers Make Sense Cents!"

Discover how to make math so much fun that your students will beg for more! Palma will show you how to create seasonal activities and classroom centers that incorporate math skills in fun ways. You will be able to easily turn most of your classroom projects into a number adventure. Your students will gain conceptual understanding of number sense and algebraic operations through the use of classroom "shopping" centers and interactive crafts that focus on math skills. Tune in and get ready to bring hands-on math fun to your classroom!

Danielle Chastain Harper - Save 400 hours with ESGI

ESGI has been a total game changer for the way we conduct assessments in Kindergarten. I'd love to show you all of the tools ESGI has to offer to save time, impact instruction, and even communicate with families!

Whitney Ramirez - Session Info Coming Soon