

Eighteenth Annual

Alabama Kindergarten Conference



**A WORKSHOP FOR PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH SECOND GRADE TEACHERS,
HOMESCHOOL PARENTS, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER EDUCATORS**



Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17, 2010

Columbia High School (near Bridge Street Town Centre)

300 Explorer Blvd. Huntsville, AL 35806

Register at www.akateacher.org

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ONLINE**

Friday, July 16, 2010 (Registration begins at 8:00a.m., lunch included)

Sensational Sessions with Nellie Edge and Peggy Campbell-Rush



Nellie Edge is a kindergarten teacher researcher, literacy coach, nationally recognized early literacy presenter, folk musician and recording artist. Her desire to make learning to read a successful and joyful journey for all children led to the publication of her *Nellie Edge Read and Sing Big Books* with accompanying Little Books, Parents as Partners connections and Differentiated Literacy guides. Nellie Edge's commitment to children and their teachers is evident in her beautiful, highly regarded *Excellence in Kindergarten and Early Literacy* website and quality professional resources. A recipient of the IRA Reading Excellence Through the Arts Award, Nellie Edge is a proponent of using music, Sign Language, and all of the arts to enhance early literacy skills.

Join Nellie from 9:00 till 12:00 and

* *Keynote Address with Nellie Edge - July 16*

* *Discover the Magic of Singing and Signing Songs in Your Classroom: Enhance All Children's Language, Literacy, Enthusiasm and Joy! Signing songs helps build an active, joyful community of learners. Add American Sign Language (ASL) to your ABC and phonics program to keep children engaged and focused while building enthusiasm and motivation for learning. Use ASL for effective class management! Learn to sign The Pledge of Allegiance, L-O-V-E Spells Love, I Love the Mountains, I Have a Cat, and The More We Get Together. This interactive presentation includes many "best practices" in kindergarten literacy:*

- *Teach for fluency with high-frequency "heart" words*
- *Learn kindergarten-friendly handwriting strategies*
- *Start the year with "Just Right: I Can Read" books to build motivation, independence, and reading stamina.*
- *Plan now for memorable parent performances and celebrations of language. You will receive a comprehensive handout and online access to additional resources and video clips to support your continued learning. See www.nellieedge.com*

Join Peggy from 1:00 till 4:00



Peggy Campbell-Rush has taught primary grades for more than 27 years in both the United States and England. Peggy has been honored with USA Today All American Teacher Team award, NJ Teacher of the Year finalist in 1997 and 2008, named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 2002 and 2006, County Teacher of the Year for New Jersey, a Fulbright Fellow and National Teachers Hall of Fame Finalist.

Peggy is the author of 6 professional books: *I Teach Kindergarten....*, *Tricks of the Trade....*, *Success for Struggling Learners, Group Writing....*, *Reading, Writing and Word Walls*, and *Hip-Hop Alphabop*. She has also published articles in many magazines and journals.

Reading, Writing and Word Walls

Keep your existing reading program while adding spice and pizzazz to your reading time! Peggy offers simple and practical ideas to keep you and your kindergarteners interested, engaged, and motivated. You'll learn how to get parents to reinforce reading at home. Plus, you'll learn easy ways to incorporate word walls, reading and writing strategies, and more into your curriculum.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Registration	8:15-8:45
Welcome and Door Prizes	8:45-9:00
Keynote	9:00-10:15

Session I	10:30-11:45	Course #
-	“Don’t Go There”	11
-	DI: It’s as Easy as 123	12
-	Meaningful Math Centers	13
-	Teaching Struggling Learners	14

Lunch 12:00-1:00 (Lunch Included)

Session II	1:00-2:00	Course #
-	It’s All a Matter of Style	21
-	How Did You Get That...?	22
-	Writing with Young Children	23
-	Reading, Acting, Drawing, ...	24

Session III	2:30-3:45	Course #
-	Count Me In	31
-	Creative Comprehension	32
-	Adding to Your Repertoire...	33
-	Brain Based Reading	34

Evaluation and Door Prizes 3:45-4:00

LOCATED NEAR THE CONFERENCE SITE

THE WESTIN HOTEL

(Located at Bridge Street Town Centre)
The Westin Hotel
6800 Governors West, NW
Huntsville, AL 35806
Phone: **256-428-2000**

THE FAIRFIELD INN

(Located off of University Drive -Rte. 72)
1385 Enterprise Way
Huntsville, AL 35806
Phone: 256-971-0921

Accommodations

DIRECTIONS TO COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL:

OPTION 1: Take I565 to Research Park Blvd. (255) North. Take Research Park Blvd. and exit onto Bradford Drive West. Take Bradford Drive West to Explorer Boulevard. Turn right onto Explorer Boulevard (at the traffic light). The next light is Discovery Drive. Turn left onto Discovery Drive. The road will curve to your left behind Adtran; go past Davidson Technologies. On the right will be a small brown street sign Moquin. Turn right onto Moquin and it dead-ends into the school.

OPTION 2: Take University Drive to Enterprise Drive. Turn onto Enterprise. Take Enterprise to Explorer Boulevard, turn left (traffic light). Take Explorer to Discovery, turn right onto Discovery (traffic light). The road will curve to your left behind Adtran; go past Davidson Technologies. On the right will be a small brown street sign Moquin. Turn right onto Moquin and it dead-ends into the school.



Directions

Susan Stevens Crummel and Janet Stevens

Keynote Speakers

Susan Stevens Crummel - website: susanstevenscrummel.com
and Janet Stevens - website: janetstevens.com



Keynote Address:

"Which Came First, the Pictures or the Words?"

Don't be chicken! Come watch the sibling revelry as sisters Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel tell ALL about how they create award winning picture books such as **Help Me, Mr. Mutt, The Great Fuzz Frenzy, Cook -a-Doodle-Doo!, And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon, Jackalope** and more. Be there or you'll have egg on your face.

Second Session: (course #24) 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

"Reading, Acting, Drawing, Teaching, Laughing - how much fun can you cram into one session ?"

Sisters Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel read their newest manuscript, perform skits, draw, and share ideas on using picture books in the classroom. Wear spandex or you will pop your buttons with laughter.

Susan Stevens Crummel was previously a math teacher for many years in the Fort Worth, Texas area. Now she is an author of picture books for children, including Cook-a-Doodle-Doo!, winner of the 2001 Texas Bluebonnet Award; and And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon, winner of the 2004 California Young Reader Medal; The Great Fuzz Frenzy, winner of 8 state book awards; and, Help Me, Mr. Mutt!, one of *Time Magazine's* top 10 children's books of 2008. Susan continues to live in Fort Worth with her family. Visit her website at www.susanstevenscrummel.com

Janet Stevens: Janet began drawing as a child. After she graduated from the University of Colorado in Fine Arts, she compiled a portfolio of "characters" - bears in tutus, rhinos in sneakers, etc. In 1997, she attended The Illustrators Workshop in New York City where it was suggested her characters might find a place in children's books. Janet is also the author and illustrator of many original stories. She has received numerous book awards, including the Caldecott Honor Award, A Texas Bluebonnet Award and the Wanda Gagg Best Read Aloud Book. Some of her books include **Anansi's Party Time, Epossumondas Plays Possum, My Big Dog, and Tops and Bottoms**. Visit her website at www.janetstevens.com.



Dan St. Romain : For several years Dan St. Romain worked as an Educational Specialist for the Education Service Center, Region 20 in San Antonio. While there, he provided staff development and technical assistance to educators in the areas of behavior, dropout prevention, school climate and developmentally appropriate educational practices. Dan has

also worked in both private and public school settings. His work as a self-contained behavior unit teacher, Educational Diagnostician, and Director of a Learning Resource Center has afforded him experiences at all levels, in both general and special education. Currently, Dan works as a Behavior Consultant in Alamo Heights ISD where his primary responsibility is to support students' social-emotional development. He also independently contracts with schools and districts to provide behavioral and educational support through consultative services.

Session I (course #11)

Don't Go There!

Staying out of power struggles with the little ones

In this active session, participants will gain a better understanding of how power struggles occur, and learn the best strategies for avoiding them with our primary students.

Session II (course #21)

It's All a Matter of Style

Understanding behavior through learning styles

In this session, participants will be actively involved in discovering their own learning styles as a means of understanding the behaviors of children in the classroom setting.

Session III (course #31)

Count Me In!

This session will focus on the behavioral skills primary students need to succeed in school. Through games and activities, participants will learn fun ways to teach social skills and positively shape student behaviors.



Kim Adsit: Kim has taught kindergarten for over 24 years and has been selected as a 2002 Teacher of the Year. She encourages all educators to tap into the curiosity of young children to help plant seeds for lifelong learning. Kim has been selected as an Expert Teacher, and she serves as a teacher mentor. She has a Specialist Degree in Early Childhood Education as well as an At-Risk Endorsement. Kim has co-authored five books, with her latest titles being [Jazzing Up Journals](#) and [Book Making Bonanza](#). Visit her website at www.adsit.net.

Session I (course #12)

DI: It's as Easy as 123

Do you have a hard time meeting the needs of all your learners? In this session, Kim will show ways she has organized her classroom so that she can differentiate her instruction with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of benefits. She will share grouping strategies, formative assessments, and intervention strategies that will help your students master the standards in both math and reading while keeping the learning fun and meaningful.

Session II (course #22)

How Did You Get That? Thinking and Writing about Math

Want to get your children thinking and writing about math? In this session Kim will share an idea a minute that will have your children using problem solving, graphing, organizing, and more as they share their thinking and write their ideas. These activities are sure to develop a deeper understanding of many math standards such as data analysis, number, problem sorting, and measurement through interactive writing, glyphs, graphs, literature and many other engaging activities.

Session III (course #32)

Creative Comprehension... What Does It Mean?

This session is packed full of research based strategies that will increase the reading comprehension of your students. Kim will share creative ideas for retelling, making connections, compare/contrast and using schema.



Shari Sloane: Shari has been an enthusiastic kindergarten teacher for over 20 years. An experienced national presenter, she offers a range of kindergarten-specific topics and teacher-tested strategies. Shari expertly translates what occurs in her own classroom into innovative and practical instructional methods that enrich the learning environment. She was recently included in the Who's Who among America's Teachers and was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year. You may visit her website at www.kidscount1234.com which features her new CD, School is Cool.

Session I (course # 13)

Meaningful Math Centers

Are you looking for practical, easy-to-manage math centers? Then this is the session for you. Come to this session filled with numerous, highly effective math centers that take limited time to set up and manage. You will come away with many different ways to use manipulatives, dice and cards that you already have in your classroom.

Session II (course #23)

Writing with Young Children

Writing with young children can be very stressful, but it doesn't have to be. Reduce the stress of writing with young children using modeled, shared, interactive, guided, and independent writing activities. Shari will demonstrate many helpful techniques that have worked in her own kindergarten classroom.

Session III (course #33)

Adding to Your Repertoire of Classroom Math Instruction

In this session, Shari will show many engaging classroom activities for mathematics instructions. Join her to learn all about the "Daily Calendar Book" where every child is engaged in Calendar time. She will also share many activities for teaching numeral recognition, one-to-one correspondence, time, money, skip counting and much more. Shari will also share her favorite math music to integrate your instruction.



**Peggy
Campbell-Rush**

Session I (course # 14)

Proven Strategies for Teaching Struggling Learners, Grades PreK-2

Explore effective, teacher-tested strategies to help you tackle the challenge of meeting the needs of your struggling learners. In this workshop, you will learn special ways to adapt your instruction when working with children who learn in different ways and at different rates.

Session III (course # 34)

Brain Based Reading and Writing; The ABC's of Brain Change; The Stress Factor

Move Your Body, Engage Your Brain. The brain has to be engaged in active learning to really have an impact on memory. We are teaching reading and writing like never before in Kindergarten. Come and join Master Teacher, Peggy Campbell-Rush as she teaches you about how the brain works and what you can do in the classroom to improve retention of reading and writing concepts. Get ready to move and learn in this workshop. As you move through these activities you will understand how to get students more actively involved in learning.