

The K-Crew presents

# Summer Crews 2010

June 17-18

Education Conference for PK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers

*Join us in the summer of 2010 as we host our second annual summer conference in the Houston area. Attendees will "cruise" from one "crew" to the next, learning the best tips and tricks to teach SMARTER not HARDER. There will be an art crew, literacy crew, science crew, math crew, and more!*

## **General Information**

### **Location**

Summer Crews Education Conference will be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal School in Kingwood, Texas. The school is located approximately 15 miles from Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) on the northeast side of Houston.

### **Hotel**

We have secured a special rate of \$94.99 per suite at the Comfort Suites in Kingwood. Please call 281-359-4448 to reserve your room at the conference rate before May 15, 2010.

### **Lunch**

Teachers will be treated to an "Idea Swap" luncheon. There will be a special time set aside for teachers to sit down and share with other teachers- sharing everything from favorite books and dollar store finds to stories only a fellow educator could appreciate. Teachers will have the opportunity to be encouraged, entertained, and excited about their chosen professions.

This year the lunches will be catered by Jason's Deli. Teachers will mark their choice for a boxed lunch on the registration form.

### **Exhibits**

Exhibits will be full of teacher-tested and teacher-created resources... designed to help you teach smarter and save prep time. Each participant will also receive a \$10 exhibit voucher good toward any purchase with Summer Crews vendors.

## Schedule

Thursday, June 17, 2010		Friday, June 18, 2010	
7:30– 8:00	Registration, Exhibits	7:30– 8:00	Exhibits
8:00- 8:15	Gathering	8:00- 8:15	<i>Bonus Session</i>
8:20- 9:40	Breakout Session 1	8:20- 9:40	Breakout Session 5
9:50- 11:10	Breakout Session 2	9:50- 11:10	Breakout Session 6
11:20- 12:40	Lunch A/Exhibits or Breakout Session 3	11:20- 12:40	Lunch A/Exhibits or Breakout Session 7
12:40- 2:00	Lunch B/Exhibits or Breakout Session 3	12:40- 2:00	Lunch B/Exhibits or Breakout Session 7
2:10- 3:30	Breakout Session 4	2:10- 3:30	Breakout Session 8
3:30- 4:00	Exhibits	3:30- 4:00	Exhibits

Want to attend a conference full of **real ideas** tested by **real teachers** in **real classrooms**? That's the idea behind this conference. Each speaker has already conducted the "real classroom" research needed to stand behind his/her presentation. These presenters not only have great ideas for teaching smarter, they have also created many resources to save prep time.

<b>Classroom Management</b>	
<p><b><i>Better Than Proactive</i></b> Betty Acosta Northland Christian School</p>	<p>This workshop will enhance parent participation and classroom management strategies. Teachers will have opportunities to expand on ideas presented to reinforce parent support of school. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>Help! I've Lost Control and I Can't Get It Back!</i></b> Judy Staley Book Talker/Librarian</p>	<p>This is a workshop on classroom management with ideas based on the book by Harry Wong.</p>
<p><b><i>Morning Job Board</i></b> Linda Burns, Lisa Parker <a href="http://www.kinderlit.com">www.kinderlit.com</a></p>	<p>Looking for academic activities for your students to work on as they come in every morning? Keep them engaged in learning with a Morning Job Board! Come see how to set one up, what procedures need to be taught, and what types of jobs can be added throughout the year. Lots of ready-made games and activities will be provided to each participant. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<b>Fine Arts/Creativity</b>	
<p><b><i>Learn Out Loud... Tips From "The Drama Queen"</i></b> Carey Perry-Chuter Holy Trinity Episcopal School</p>	<p>Experience how fun and easy creative drama can be as you gain confidence and motivation to integrate this creative spark across the curriculum. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>A-Movin' and A-Shakin': How to Add Music to Just About Anything!</i></b> Jamie Teel Sheldon ISD</p>	<p>This course will give teachers new ideas and resources to teach required concepts, to add a little zest to everyday procedures (lining up, getting materials, etc.) and to have some back-ups for rainy days. (PK, K, 1)</p>

## Literacy

<p><b><i>Leaping into Literacy</i></b> Julie Torkelson www.katieandcompany.net</p>	<p>Find new ways to develop literacy with young children. We will be using music and movement to reinforce literacy skills. Learn how to enhance literacy through literature and flannel board activities. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>Read Aloud! Why? What? How?</i></b> Judy Staley Book Talker/Librarian</p>	<p>Stresses the importance of reading aloud to young children- it's not an option- it's a MUST to help "build their brains"! (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Through the Year With Books</i></b> Judy Staley Book Talker/Librarian</p>	<p>Great book suggestions for each month of the school year with some extensions to bring the books alive! (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Cut, Collage, and Create with Literature</i></b> ** Linda Burns and Lisa Parker www.kinderlit.com</p>	<p>Learn how children can become authors and illustrators of their own versions of literature with little teacher prep and no patterns! Literacy activities to use with these books will be explored. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Creating Thinking Maps® with Literature</i></b> Linda Burns and Lisa Parker www.kinderlit.com</p>	<p>Check out these new graphic organizers- Thinking Maps®! Learn how to make each kind with literature and help your students organize their thinking! (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>I Can Read, Too! Guided Reading from Pre-K On Up</i></b> Axinia E. Zepeda Houston ISD</p>	<p>Explore how guided reading can work in your classroom starting with Pre-K. We will look at the basics of guided reading and ways to engage various levels of students. You can be the influential key to getting a child from learning her letters to reading. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>Let's Get Physical with Zoo-phonics!</i></b> Dana Schuetze Zoo-phonics Consultant</p>	<p>Come and experience how our animal friends can help you teach phonemic awareness and phonics quickly and efficiently using a brain efficient, multi-sensory approach. We will demonstrate how to incorporate music, movement, kinesthetic, and sensorial activities into your phonics lessons. This will be a fun and active session. You will leave with a packet full of ideas for your classroom. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>Kids In Charge! Literacy Centers That Allow Learners to Lead the Way</i></b> ** Bonnie Jackson and Shelley Vaughn www.thekcrew.net</p>	<p>Come experience multi-leveled, self- paced literacy centers that young learners love! This session will focus on worthwhile center activities and student accountability. Be prepared to get excited about teaching! (PK,K)</p>

<p><b><i>Stepping Up to the Standards: Literacy Practice for Pre-K</i></b>  Dianne Patterson and Sharon Burnett  www.frogstreet.com</p>	<p>Join us as we model strategies for implementing Pre-K Guidelines for phonological awareness through Circle Time, Small Group and Learning Center activities. Come and see our new compound word cards, rhyming cards, vocabulary picture cards and MORE! (PK)</p>
<p><b>Math</b></p>	
<p><b><i>Math All Around Us</i></b>  Julie Torkelson  www.katieandcompany.net</p>	<p>Get ready to move and have some fun. This session will include activities, favorite songs, and movements to enhance math skills for your students. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>60 Minutes of Math</i></b>  Heidi Samuelson, Sarah Ebbers, and Nancy Bland  Shelby Co. Schools, TN</p>	<p>Participants will be actively engaged as they are presented with a variety of differentiated math activities and games to reinforce, maintain, and extend concepts for the K-1 curriculum. (K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Great Games to Play to Make Learning Fun!</i></b>  Dr. Bonnie Barrett  Garland ISD</p>	<p>Come and discover a variety of games for math and literacy to connect learning in the classroom. (K)</p>
<p><b>Motor Development</b></p>	
<p><b><i>Fine Motor Skills... Write Out of the Box! **</i></b>  Marianne Gibbs, OTR  www.writeoutofthebox.com</p>	<p>Increase your knowledge of fine motor development as it relates to the handwriting abilities of children 3-6 years old! Fun and easy-to-implement activities and strategies are demonstrated with supporting rationale for the WHATs, HOWs, and WHYs of improving students' future handwriting efficiency. This is a "must see" session and contains critical, empowering information for teachers WRITE OUT OF THE BOX! (PK, K)</p>
<p><b><i>Methods to Document Handwriting Readiness &amp; Scissor Skill Proficiency</i></b>  Marianne Gibbs, OTR  www.writeoutofthebox.com</p>	<p>Is Johnny ready to write? How is Sam doing with scissor skills? Objective documentation of student progress is so important to speaking effectively and collaboratively with parents about these questions. Join Marianne Gibbs, OTR, in this informative workshop that provides teachers with simple, but meaningful tools to document students' readiness for writing and competence in scissor cutting. (PK, K)</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	
<p><b><i>A Head Start on Science</i></b>  Stephen W. Gonzales  Houston ISD</p>	<p>Participants will learn how to incorporate science instruction into the early childhood classrooms through developmentally appropriate science processes and activities for young children. (K)</p>
<p><b><i>Body Smart</i></b>  Debbie Catoire  Good Shepherd Episcopal School</p>	<p>Journey through the brain, heart, lungs, and bones to discover easy, hands-on activities to use in the classroom. Join us as we make blood, watch our stomachs turn, and become skeletons. Who knew science could be so much fun? (PK, K, 1)</p>

<p><b><i>A Great Day for Science</i></b> Debbie Catoire Good Shepherd Episcopal School</p>	<p>This hands-on presentation will use children's literature and nursery rhymes to show you how fun and easy science can be. Keep your students engaged with activities they will long remember. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Teaching Science and Nature Made Easy</i></b> ** Dr. Sue Unger</p>	<p>Dr. Unger's session will provide a unique experience designed to introduce educators to creating and stimulating ideas and materials to enhance existing curriculum. Through a guided tour with hands-on experiences, participants will develop ideas for integrated curriculum units. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b>Social Studies</b></p>	
<p><b><i>Dance Your Way through Geography</i></b> Isabel Sagnité Rodriguez and Xochitl Rodriguez-Carias www.magicalworldofkids.com</p>	<p>We will emphasize the importance of geography in our curriculum. We want to create meaningful experiences for our students, and a great way to introduce geography is through dance and movement. We will discuss and learn the history and meaning behind ballet, belly dancing, yoga, salsa, merengue, flamenco, etc. Teachers will learn the basic steps for the dances and will be dancing through most of the presentation. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b>Technology</b></p>	
<p><b><i>Turn Your Technology Woes Into Technology Whoa's!</i></b> Bonnie Jackson and Shelley Vaughn www.thekcrew.net</p>	<p>Does Word® make you weary? Think PowerPoint® is something you do at the gym? Do digital cameras make you say "duh"? No longer! This session is for those who want to use technology in their classrooms but aren't quite sure where to begin. (PK, K, 1)</p>
<p><b><i>Ten Minutes of Tech for Teachers</i></b> Greg Gorman www.esgsoftware.com</p>	<p>Three easy to use "tech tools" that will make your job as a teacher easier. ESGI, Class Management Tool, and the Parent Conferencer were created by a kindergarten teacher for teachers! (PK, K, 1) <i>*This short bonus session included for all teachers Friday morning.</i></p>

***Space is limited and participants' sessions are assigned in the order received. Every effort is made to assign each participant's top choices. Register early to guarantee session preferences.***

***\*\*These sessions may have similar content to their 2009 presentation at Summer Crews. Please choose these sessions if you have not yet attended them or if you need a "refresher" course.***

Sign me up... I'm ready to CRUISE with the CREWS!

**1. Complete your registration information.**

<i>How did you hear about Summer Crews?</i>	<i>Attended in 2009</i>	<i>K-Crew Postcard</i>	<i>Facebook</i>
<i>Website: www. _____</i>	<i>Friend: _____</i>		<i>E-Newsletter</i>
Name _____			
Home Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	
Phone _____		E-mail _____	
Position	PK	K	1 <sup>st</sup> Admin.
School _____			
School Address _____			
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	
<b>Lunch Choice</b> (turkey, ham, or chicken salad sandwich)	<b>Day 1:</b> _____	<b>Day 2:</b> _____	

**2. Choose your sessions.** Rank sessions in order of preference 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited and participants' sessions are assigned in the order received. Every effort is made to assign top choices. Register early to guarantee session preferences.

Rank	Session Title	Rank	Session Title
	Better Than Proactive		Stepping Up to the Standards: Literacy Practice for Pre-K
	Help! I've Lost Control & I Can't Get It Back!		Math All Around Us
	Morning Job Board		60 Minutes of Math
	Learn Out Loud... Tips From "The Drama Queen"		Great Games to Play to Make Learning Fun!
	A-Movin' and A-Shakin': ... How to Add Music		Fine Motor Skills... Write Out of the Box! **
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	Let's Get Physical with Zoo-phonics!		Turn Your Technology Woes Into... Whoa's!
	Kids In Charge! Literacy Centers... **		

**3. Submit your payment information with this form.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Preconference Session <b>\$45</b> (valid only before 5/31/10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration <b>\$125</b> before 3/31/10
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>10% Discount for Groups of 5 or more Teachers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration <b>\$150</b> after 3/31/10
<input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to The K-Crew)	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card # _____
in the Amount of \$ _____	Card Exp: _____ CCV: _____
Cardholder's Signature X _____	

**4. Send in your registration**

**Mail:** The K-Crew, 13123 Sweetgum Shores Dr, Houston, TX 77044 or **Fax:** 832-201-5316

**Registration is considered complete when this form and payment are received. Purchase order registrations will not be complete until full payment is received. Conference tuition is nonrefundable but may be transferred to another participant with advanced notice.**

# Special Preconference Session

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## ***"Smart Art- Using Art to Encourage Thinking"***

Bonnie Jackson and Shelley Vaughn

Everybody knows that art should be an integral part of early childhood education. However, a survey of teachers in most schools is sure to find that the majority will say, "It's too messy," "We just don't have time," or "I'm not an artist." Banish these excuses with "Smart Art"... ideas that won't take away from instruction, aren't too messy, and don't require an art degree. Of course, The K-Crew will also offer ideas that are messy, will take some time, and might even require some flexible thinking. Discover ways to teach curriculum content using art as a tool. Extend that favorite shared reading book or read aloud. Use art in your math curriculum. Science becomes a masterpiece each time students use art to explore a new concept. Want to let your students' creative abilities shine through? Then, this is the workshop for you!

Teachers who attend this special session will have time to "make and take" their own examples, join in some ooey-goey fun, earn a 3 hour CEU certificate, and receive a bag of art goodies.

*Space will be limited to the first 30 participants for "Smart Art." Registration for this preconference session must be received by May 31, in order to guarantee materials for every participant. Preconference registrations received after class limit is reached will be promptly refunded.*