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- Easy and **hands-on science** activities that motivate and teach
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Meet Your Team of Presenters:



TX Educator

MELISSA LEACH

Melissa is a highly energetic presenter who is dedicated to helping teachers implement balanced-literacy best practices in their early grade classrooms. She is knowledgeable, creative, and passionate about inspiring teachers do their best every day for every student. Melissa's idea-packed sessions allow you to hear strategies and tips today, and put them into practice tomorrow!



TX Educator

NANCIE LEWIS

Nancie brings over 15 years of broad-ranging educational experiences to her dynamic and engaging sessions. She offers a unique perspective as well as innovative and creative approaches and techniques for teaching K to 3, gifted and talented, ESL students, and many others. Nancie always shares ideas you can use right away.



SHARI SLOANE

Shari has taught kindergarten for over 20 years. She expertly translates what occurs in her own kindergarten classroom into innovative and practical instructional methods that enrich the learning environment. She has been included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* several times. Shari's CD, *School is Cool*, offers terrific classroom application.



DONNA WHYTE

Donna is an education consultant well known for her practical and motivating strategies designed to help children reach their full potential. Her positive attitude, high energy, and practical ideas, make her presentations exciting for teachers eager to enhance their programs. Donna is the author of several books and CDs, including the highly acclaimed teacher resource, *You Can't Teach a Class You Can't Manage*.



ROZANNE WILLIAMS

A former classroom teacher with 14 years of experience, Rozanne has written over 200 books for beginning readers. Book series authored by Rozanne include *Learn to Read*, *Itty Bitty Phonics Readers*, *Sight Word Readers*, *Fluency Readers*, *Learn to Write*, and her newest collection of 12 *Fun & Fantasy* books.

Classroom Practitioners:

ANA AVEYTIA-ORTEGA 

CATIE BUSHMAN 

TONIA HOLMES-SUTTON 

REBEKAH PIPER



Each day of this conference is jam packed with ready-to-use strategies and activities, beginning with an entertaining and inspiring keynote!

Listen to Your Heart

Monday • 8:15 AM

Donna Whyte

One of the highest goals we can achieve in early education is to instill the joy of learning in our students. In this enlightening morning keynote, Donna takes a special look at the importance of the developmental needs of your learners, and encourages all teachers to remember the importance of creating an environment where children want to learn. Don't miss this opportunity to better motivate your students and develop in them a love for learning that comes straight from the heart.

You Know You are a Kindergarten Teacher When...

Tuesday • 8:15 AM

Shari Sloane

Drawing from her own experiences, Shari sheds light on the quirky, zany, and wonder-filled world of the kindergarten classroom—and the special teachers who put the fun in learning! You'll laugh at her stories, identify with her frustrations, and feel validated for taking on one of the hardest and most misunderstood jobs in education today.

"It was very rewarding. I have so many new ideas to take back to the classroom. My 2009-2010 students will benefit from the new knowledge I have gained."

~ Natalie Acuna, Kindergarten Teacher
Corpus Christi, TX

"It was my first one for kindergarten only and I found it exciting, informative and helpful and I have been teaching for 22 years."

~Carol Thomas, Kindergarten Teacher
Wimberly, TX

It's All Right Here!



If you can attend only one event this year, this conference is for you! Because SDE understands the challenges you face—and this conference will provide you with straightforward, practical solutions!

Take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity to renew your **passion for teaching!** You'll focus on **key topics**, learn **proven strategies**, and gain **highly effective teaching techniques**. You'll have a chance to share stories and **build camaraderie** with kindergarten teachers from across Texas—people who truly understand what you do on a daily basis. And, of course, you'll have a whole lot of fun!

Here's what you can expect:

Help Your Struggling Learners!

Learn RTI and DI strategies for giving all your students the chance they deserve!

Boost Math and Science Learning!

Gain effective strategies and activities for developing kindergarten mathematicians and scientists!

Nurture Emergent Readers & Writers!

Build and sustain successful emergent reading and writing with powerful reading first skills!

Expect the Best!

Count on this conference to deliver the absolute best training available and the greatest value for your time and energy!

Take It All with You!

Take home a **FREE Resource Book** with handouts from every session! Share what you've learned with your colleagues—and tap into new learning tools all year long!

Hot topics ...

You asked for it—and SDE delivers! These are the topics that Texas kindergarten teachers are requesting the most!

- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **Behavior**
- **Math**
- **Classroom Management**



Easy Ways to SAVE!

Reduce the cost of attending this conference with several **easy ways to save**, including special tuition discounts for groups of 3, 5+, 15+, and 25+. And, **principals attend FREE** with the paid registration of a staff member. **See page 7 for discount details.**

Also, check out these possible **funding resources:**

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IDEA, Part B, Sec 611

Visit www.SDE.com/info/funding for more information and additional funding resources.

Morning

7:15–8:15 AM: Registration with Complimentary Muffins & Coffee
8:15–8:50 AM: Keynote with Donna Whyte

75-Minute Sessions 9:00–10:15 AM

A-1 Developing Successful Emergent Writers in Kindergarten
Donna Whyte

Develop the writers of the future! Equip your kindergartners with the fundamental writing skills that are so important to future writing success. And, discover what kindergartners can really accomplish with their first attempts at writing. **Please bring scissors, glue stick and markers for a fun make & take!** 🗂️

A-2 Guided Reading: A Powerful Tool for Kindergarten Learners
Melissa Leach

Guided Reading is a wonderful learning tool! Learn how to choose an appropriate book for each reader at your reading table and how to teach that book effectively. And, discover how to differentiate your Guided Reading instruction to meet the needs of each child in your class. 📖

A-3 Smart Thinkers *Catie Bushman*

A Smart Thinker knows how to effectively utilize today's technology to differentiate instruction. Learn how to utilize technology to create interactive lessons and how to help your colleagues get up to speed. This important presentation will also help administrators decide what technology to adopt. 🌐

A-4 Strategies for Your Gifted Learners *Nancie Lewis*

Engage and delight your gifted learners by differentiating your curriculum to meet their needs. Find out how to create learning contracts, a student-responsible learning curriculum, interactive stations, and more. Plus, discover how to meet the needs of your grade-level students while challenging your gifted students. TAGT

75-Minute Sessions 10:45 AM–Noon

A-5 A Teacher's Toolbox for Differentiated Instruction *Donna Whyte*

Get all the tools to successfully teach all levels and learning styles in your classroom. Join Donna to learn how to motivate your students and boost achievement. You'll leave with ready to use strategies for creating a student centered classroom where everyone succeeds! 📖

A-6 I CAN READ! *Melissa Leach*

Melissa addresses the specific needs of struggling kindergarten readers. Come examine why some students have a harder time than others. You'll learn strategies for supporting their progress in phonemic awareness and alphabetic principles. And, you'll practice using strategic prompts for teaching them how to become active independent readers! 🗂️ 🗂️

A-7 Fitting It All In: Literacy in the Kindergarten Classroom
Tonia Holmes Sutton

Developing and enriching literacy in the kindergarten classroom can be a daunting task. Discover how to skillfully fit it all in while making learning meaningful for your children. Tonia shows you how to incorporate the components of literacy into your curricular program, enhance your classroom literacy environment, and effectively manage your program time. 🗂️ 🗂️

A-8 "Centered" Around Math and Science Learning *Nancie Lewis*
 Hands-on activities bring math and science to life for kindergartners! Nancie shares super ideas for making your math and science centers fun and interactive using inexpensive materials. Watch your kindergartners light up as they engage in independent activities that allow you to work with individuals and small groups! **Please bring a small wide-mouth plastic bottle and scissors.** 🗂️

Afternoon

Complimentary Lunch Provided at Noon
 PLUS—Door Prizes, Exhibits, SDE Book Table & More!

75-Minute Sessions 1:00–2:15 PM

B-1 The Comprehension & Fluency Puzzle *Donna Whyte*

Help your students "put the pieces" of reading together. In this fast paced session, you'll explore fun and motivating ways to guide your students to reading success! And, you'll return to your classroom with ready to use ideas designed to build fluency and increase comprehension. 🗂️

B-2 Teaching Emergent Reading with Shared Reading *Melissa Leach*
 Shared Reading is the "how" in "learning how to read!" Join Melissa in this make-and-take session to explore strategies for teaching emergent reading using big books, nursery rhymes, poems, and songs. **Please bring a poem, song, or nursery rhyme that you will use during the first weeks of school.** 🗂️ 🗂️

B-3 Singing & Moving for Success *Rebekah Piper*

Many children are anxious as they enter kindergarten. It is often the first educational setting they have experienced. Discover how to help your young students feel comfortable, and how to get and keep them energized and excited about learning through the use of motivational chants, songs, and movement. 🗂️

B-4 Taking the Numb out of Number Sense *Nancie Lewis*

Treat your kindergartners to awesome activities and engaging games that strengthen number sense! In this high energy session, Nancie shows you how to transform calendar activities, math menus, and much more into terrific tools for developing your kindergartners' math skills.

75-Minute Sessions 2:35–3:50 PM

B-5 Early Vocabulary: Connections to Reading *Donna Whyte*

Nurturing language development is at the heart of teaching kindergarten. Join Donna to learn all about communications skills and how to teach and use them to foster leaning success in your classroom. You'll discover fun ways to introduce, manage, and extend activities that build strong vocabulary and language skills. 🗂️

B-6 Writers' Workshop Getting Started in the Primary Grades
Melissa Leach

Writers' Workshop is a powerful instruction method that will change your classroom and create writers for life! Melissa explains how to set up your classroom, what materials you'll need, and what kindergartners need to be successful. Plus, you'll hear classroom anecdotes that will keep you laughing as you learn.

B-7 ELL: Enriching Early Literacy Skills Through Hands-on Activities
Ana Aveytia Ortega

A great way to foster second language acquisition is to use a student's native language to teach literacy skills that easily bridge from one language to the other. Ana will conduct this session in Spanish, demonstrating how to make content comprehensible—even for strugglers—through visual aids and hands-on experiences. 🗂️ 🗂️ 🗂️

B-8 Managing Your Literacy Centers *Nancie Lewis*

Take advantage of practical tips, tools, and techniques for more easily managing your literacy centers. In this idea packed session, Nancie offers creative ways to work smarter, not harder, to better organize your time, your space, and your kindergartners!

ICON LEGEND



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Hands-on, highly interactive sessions offering a wealth of strategies & techniques.



Sessions address one or more of the Reading First components.



Sessions offer hands-on projects and activities you can bring back to your classroom.



Sessions offer strategies that will support your RTI (Response to Intervention) efforts.



Teacher-to-teacher sessions presented by current classroom practitioners who have valuable strategies and experiences to share.



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75-Minute Sessions 9:00–10:15 AM

- C-1 50 Tips to Add Time, Fun & Energy to Your Day** *Donna Whyte*
 Add efficiency to your daily classroom schedule—and have more fun! Donna’s quick and easy ideas, activities, and teaching tips will add time, energy, and enjoyment to your day. You’ll leave equipped with simple organizational tools, hints for parent connections, and proven strategies that will lead to learning success each and every day.
- C-2 The More They Read, the Better They Get!** *Rozanne Williams*
 And the better they get, the more they read! Learn about concrete activities, mini-lessons, and easily implemented strategies for building reading fluency to help your kindergartners read with the speed, accuracy, and expression necessary for better comprehension. Plus, extend reading into the home with poetry notebooks and adorable take-home books.
- C-3 Adding to Your Repertoire of Math Strategies** *Shari Sloane*
 Join Shari as she shares engaging classroom activities for math instruction, including the “Daily Calendar Book”, where every child is engaged in calendar time. You’ll discover activities for teaching numeral recognition, one-to-one correspondence, time, money, skip counting, and much more.
- C-4 Supporting Emergent Writing with Mini-Lessons** *Nancie Lewis*
 Learn how mini-lessons can readily engage your kindergartners in exploring the craft of writing. Nancy offers her best examples of mini-lessons that support the writing process. You’ll gain ideas for powerful and explicit teaching strategies using mini-lessons that empower your students to write with confidence.



75-Minute Sessions 10:45 AM–Noon

- C-5 Positive Behavior in the Classroom & Beyond** *Donna Whyte*
 Develop positive classroom behavior based on respect and self control. You’ll explore the key components of a learning community in which children take responsibility for their behavior. And, you’ll discover new classroom management strategies for nurturing positive behavior. 
- C-6 K-Kids Can Write!** *Rozanne Williams*
 As the author of over 200 books for beginning readers, Rozanne will share tips, strategies, and great ideas for exciting kindergartners about writing. Discover hands on activities, easy writing frames, journal ideas, and graphic organizers to help inspire and structure children’s first attempts at writing.
- C-7 Phonemic Awareness Fun** *Shari Sloane*
 Singing? Dancing? Playing games? Is this phonemic awareness instruction? You bet! Join Shari in this fun filled session to explore exciting activities and a host of books your kindergartners will love. You’ll learn why it is so important to develop these auditory skills. Plus, you’ll leave with delightful ideas you can easily integrate into your instruction. 
- C-8 Integrating Language Arts into Your Social Studies Instruction** *Nancie Lewis*
 Discover how to activate your kindergartners’ emergent reading, writing, and vocabulary skills while you introduce any of several social studies concepts. Nancy shares easy to use strategies for integrating content area material to help you meet the standards.


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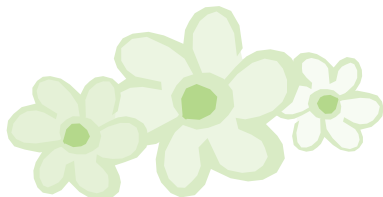
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- D-1 Surrounded by Science!** *Donna Whyte*
 Take advantage of everyday opportunities to integrate science into your curriculum. Donna demonstrates how to engage young children in the scientific method. You’ll discover topics that you can easily extend every day to ensure that science is an integral part of your students’ learning experiences.
- D-2 Easy & Adorable Bookmaking Activities** *Rozanne Williams*
 Learn all about bookmaking in this fun, hands-on workshop. Rozanne will give you everything you need to make five easy-reader books, and a handout with directions and reproducibles for making five more back in your classroom. Bring your camera to photograph sample illustrations and covers. 
- D-3 Creative Literacy Centers That Teach!** *Shari Sloane*
 Discover exciting new literacy center ideas! Take advantage of creative ways to keep your kindergartners engaged while meeting literacy standards. And, head back to school with loads of ready to use activities that meet the diverse needs of all the learners in your classroom.
- D-4 Do the Phonics Locomotion** *Nancie Lewis*
 Sing, dance, and move your way through phonics instruction! Boost your kindergartners’ basic reading skills with music and movement that teaches basic letter sounds, chunks, blends, digraphs, and sight words. You’ll reach your struggling learners—and have a whole lot of fun! 

75-Minute Sessions 2:35–3:50 PM

- D-5 Games to Play & Songs to Sing** *Donna Whyte*
 Build skills and knowledge with fun games, activities, and songs that kids can’t wait to be a part of. In this idea packed session, you’ll learn how to help your kindergartners practice and master important concepts using Donna’s ready to use, research based strategies.
- D-6 Set Your Sights on Reading Success** *Rozanne Williams*
 Learn fun ways to help your kindergartners learn to read basic sight words and sight word phrases quickly and automatically. In this idea-a-minute presentation, Rozanne provides whole-class and learning-center ideas, games, and get-up-and-move activities. Plus, you’ll learn how to create super easy sight-word take-home bags. 
- D-7 Be Cool with Back to School** *Shari Sloane*
 Streamline the back to school experience for your students, their parents—and yourself! Shari shows you how to break the ice with ‘get acquainted’ games and how to organize an effective parent orientation day. You’ll discover community building activities, organizational tips, transitional activities, and more to start the school year right!
- D-8 The Joy of Journaling in Kindergarten!** *Nancie Lewis*
 Make journaling joyful! Nancy shows you how to make math, science, and reading journals fun for kindergartners with drawing, diagramming, digital pictures, and flip video. Come learn fun tips, tricks, and techniques that your students will flip over as they record their learning.



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