



Summer Education Institute
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A Bucket of Blessings

Workshop 101/201

Sing Your Way Through the Day! Engaging Children through Music

Julie Austin, Presenter

When children listen, sing, laugh, move and offer ideas, they are continuously creating new neural pathways in their brains. Early literacy consists of speaking and listening, and then reading and writing. Teachers and parents are “tuning” children’s brains for success when they join children in song and playing with words in songs. Join Julie with your voices and ideas!

Workshop 102/202

Sensory Processing and the Preschool Environment

Kimberlee Wing, Presenter

Early childhood educators can help children learn better by becoming aware of how their sensory and motor systems interact to impact the development of emotions, behavior, attention, social skills, motor skills. How does your classroom environment help children collect information, shape imagination and develop the cognitive thought processes?

Workshop 103/203

Fostering *Resilience* in Young Children

Donna House, Presenter

Resilience is a blessing that helps us navigate the turbulent storms of life. Learn how to help develop this vital skill in young children with practical strategies and activities. You will be giving your children a life-long gift.

Workshop 104

On the Front Lines – A Teacher’s Role in Evangelization (Session I only)

Kathleen Daigle, Presenter

As preschool teachers, you’re often on the front lines – dealing with parents, other teachers, and staff members. You are often the face of the Church. Learn how to improve these interactions using specific tools and techniques so that you can feel more confident and be more effective.

Workshop 105/205

Buckets, Boxes, Bowls and Blessings-Organizing Classroom Materials

Gina Mansaur, Presenter

Explore new ideas for changing materials throughout the year to keep learning exciting and always new. Discover ways to “house” those materials in a way that is organized, easily accessible to children, and enhances the learning process.

Workshop 106/206

Water, Water, Everywhere!

Colleen Daniels and Marycarol Stout, Presenters

Pique children’s natural curiosity about water through the best picture books and other interesting resources. Learn how to incorporate *water* into all curriculum areas, centers and playground activities.

Workshop 107/207

Buckets of Favorite Prayers, Bible Heroes and Liturgical Fun

Cheri Czabala, Presenter

We will look into our bucket of favorite Catholic **prayers** and discuss ways to teach them in a fun and engaging way. We will look into a bucket of some of our favorite **Bible stories** and heroes of our faith and show how to make the stories come alive. We also look into our bucket of **faith during our liturgical year** discuss ways to introduce the importance of the seasons to our children.

Workshop 108/208**Exploring *A Bucket of Blessings* in the Preschool Classroom****Betsy Nemec, Presenter**

Explore and exchange ideas for blessing your preschool class with *A Bucket of Blessings*! From language arts and dramatic storytelling, to art and social studies, to the beautiful blessings found among friends and leaky buckets... discover and share ways this story can grow children's minds, hearts, bodies, souls and spirits!

Workshop 109/209**Exploring *A Bucket of Blessings* in the Toddler Classroom****Page Gratzner, Presenter**

Explore and exchange ideas for blessing the toddler classroom *with A Bucket of Blessings*!

Learn a variety of ways to introduce water play in a creative, educational and safe way.

Discover how this story can grow children's minds, hearts, bodies, souls and spirits!

Workshop 110/210**Praying with Little Ones****Beedee Soskin, Presenter**

Jesus said "Let the little ones come to me" and "Go forth and spread the Good News!" Join us for a session on how to teach the children the importance and meaning of prayer, making it real for a life connected to Jesus. Prayer is the greatest gift you can give your little Ones.

Workshop 111/211**Phonemic Awareness: SightWords.com Roundtable Discussion****Mary Jo Nichols, Presenter**

Are you considering using SightWords.com curriculum in your preschool, but aren't sure how it works or how it would fit in with the program you are already using? This workshop is designed as a discussion with teachers and directors who piloted the program and are ready to answer your questions and get you started on the right track.

Workshop 112/212

Books Aren't Just For Reading -Books You Can Count On

Donna Moyer, Presenter

This workshop will prompt you to see how your favorite classroom books are much more than just language and literacy. ***Books You Can Count On*** will help you discover ways to integrate children's literature to achieve your Mathematics standards, too. Based on the books you and the children treasure, you'll learn math extension activities for large group circle time, small groups and independent centers.

Workshop 113/213

Water with Blessings

Kat Doyle, Presenter

This presentation will give teachers a hands-on look at how we can help provide clean water to those who need it while encouraging preschoolers to be involved too! A lesson plan on our call as Catholics to care about clean water will be provided. We all will get to see the water become clean and take a taste of Water with Blessings!

Workshop 114/214

Time Out for Time Out

Carol Burkhardt, Presenter

Explore different ways to redirect children's behavior without using Time Out!

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Session II

Customer Service – An Essential Part of Evangelization

Kathleen Daigle, Presenter

As preschool Directors, you are called to handle a variety of challenging conversations, behaviors, and situations (with adults!). Learn how incorporating customer service tools and techniques can help you improve these interactions, feel more confident, and enhance outreach for your Preschool and Parish.