

Presents an outstanding TWO-DAY Conference

Summer 2016 Kindergarten Conference

Graduate Credit Available



Whether you are a new kindergarten teacher or have been teaching kindergarten for many years, you are sure to find a wealth of engaging activities and ideas to use immediately with your own kindergarten students.

Choose from 21 Strategy-Packed Conference Sessions, Including:

- The Best of the Best Ideas for Kindergarten Teachers
 - Practical Ways to Increase the Comprehension Skills of Your Kindergarten Students
 - How to Help Your Struggling Kindergarten Students
 - Literacy Centers Ideal for Kindergarten
 - Innovative, Practical Ways to Use Tablets and Other Mobile Devices in Kindergarten
 - How to Boost Kindergartners' Math Skills and Writing Skills
- ... *and Much, Much, More!*

You are welcome, though not required, to bring your own fully charged mobile device to the conference

St. Louis (Clayton), MO
Clayton Plaza Hotel– Clayton
July 11 and July 12, 2016

MO Inservice Credit Available with Prior District Approval
5 IL PD Clock Hours Available Per Day
IN Verification of Attendance Available
KY Professional Development Verification Available

Chicago (Alsip), IL
DoubleTree – Alsip
July 27 and July 28, 2016

5 IL PD Clock Hours Available Per Day
IN Verification of Attendance Available
MI SCECH Available (5 Hours Per Day)

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What's Unique About This Conference

Each conference session has been designed specifically to address the concerns and unique needs of kindergarten teachers. All sessions have been designed **by** experienced kindergarten teachers **for** kindergarten teachers. Unlike some other conferences, this conference features outstanding, experienced kindergarten teachers as session speakers. Every session emphasizes practical classroom instructional strategies that work.



Special Benefits of Attending

Numerous Outstanding Sessions

Choose from 21 highly practical sessions and stock up on fresh ideas and strategies from outstanding early childhood experts.

Comprehensive Kindergarten Resource Handbook

You'll receive an extensive resource handbook specifically designed for this conference. Included in the handbook are resource materials for ALL sessions, even those you don't attend.

Kindergarten Materials on Display

On display will be numerous samples of student-made books and projects, writing samples, quality children's literature books, and more – all ideal for kindergarten students.

Meet and Share with Other Kindergarten Teachers

This conference provides a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other kindergarten teachers. Bring friends or a team and meet new people!

Semester Credit Option



One graduate level professional development credit is available per day of conference attendance with an additional fee and completion of a follow up practicum project. Details for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at the conference.

Meet Inservice Requirements

At the end of the conference, each attendee will receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify the hours of participation in meeting continuing education requirements.

Uniquely Qualified Instructors

SUE BRADY is an experienced kindergarten educator who has a strong reputation for staying abreast of current education trends and best practices. She has successfully implemented many of these best practices with exceptional results in her kindergarten classroom.

SUE HOLT is a highly experienced, successful kindergarten teacher and exceptional speaker. She has successfully implemented the ideas that are presented at this conference in her own kindergarten classroom. You are sure to gain many innovative and practical ideas that can be easily implemented in your own kindergarten classroom.

SHERI SUTTERLEY is a phenomenal kindergarten teacher and exciting presenter. She is a regular presenter at kindergarten conventions, is an author and has served as a mentor and master teacher throughout her 38-year career. You will find Sheri's sessions filled with practical, classroom-tested ideas that will enhance your teaching experience and increase the success of your kindergartners

Who Should Attend

Educators working with students in kindergarten: Kindergarten Teachers, Multiage Teachers, Special Education Staff, Title I Staff, Instructional Assistants, Specialists who work with students in Kindergarten, Curriculum Specialists, and Administrators.

Other Professional Development Options:

Online Learning

BER offers educators a wide range of online courses that are affordable, fun, fast, and convenient. BER is now offering On Demand Video-Based courses as well as Scheduled Instructor-Led courses. You also may earn optional graduate-level credits for most courses. See the catalog of available courses at www.ber.org/onlinelearning



On-Site Training

Most BER seminars as well as this conference can be brought to your school or district. See the options at www.ber.org/onsite or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

Program Guarantee

We stand behind the high quality of our programs by providing the following unconditional guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this program, we'll give you a 100% refund of your registration fee.

Comprehensive Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive resource handbook, specifically designed for this conference. Included in the handbook are resource materials for ALL conference sessions, even those you don't attend. These materials include:

- ✓ Model lessons and classroom activities for the kindergarten classroom
- ✓ Strategies and activities for teaching early literacy skills
- ✓ Practical ideas for developing and managing literacy centers in your kindergarten classroom
- ✓ Activities to help your struggling kindergarten students
- ✓ The best websites and apps for kindergarten students

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**RESOURCE
HANDBOOK**

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Come with Colleagues or Bring Your Family for Fun and Activities



ST. LOUIS

Join your colleagues at *Summer 2016 Kindergarten Conference* for two energizing days you won't want to miss! While in St. Louis you can enjoy a wide variety

of cultural and recreational activities. Wander through the St. Louis Art Museum, which contains more than 30,000 works of art, or visit the famous Gateway Arch. If shopping is on your list of things to do, you may want to explore Union Station and stroll through the specialty stores and markets. Bring a friend or come on your own and join us for two exciting days packed with new ideas and strategies specifically designed for kindergarten teachers. We hope you will join us!

Hotel Accommodations

For overnight accommodations, please call Clayton Plaza Hotel – Clayton directly at (314) 726-5400. Please mention you are attending this BER conference and call prior to July 10, 2016 to receive the special rate of \$114 (Single/Double), rates subject to availability.

CHICAGO

Join your colleagues at the conveniently located DoubleTree – Alsip for a spectacular *Summer 2016 Kindergarten Conference* designed for kindergarten teachers. For entertainment, enjoy the nearby shopping options at Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile and Water Tower Place or, if sightseeing is on your list of things to do, the greater Chicago area offers a diverse array of opportunities. The world famous Art Institute of Chicago, Shed Aquarium, Field Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, Navy Pier, and Hancock Observatory are just a few of the many nearby sightseeing opportunities available. Bring your family, a friend or come on your own and join us for two days packed with exciting ideas and strategies for kindergarten teachers.



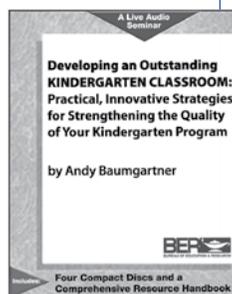
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Can't Attend?

•))) Related Staff Development Audio Training

A related BER seminar, *Developing an Outstanding KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM: Practical, Innovative Strategies for Strengthening the Quality of Your Kindergarten Program*, presented by Andy Baumgartner, is available on CDs with a comprehensive resource handbook at a cost of \$99.00 plus \$9.00 shipping and handling. To order, call toll-free 1-800-735-3503 (**Stock #A-KGB-1928**) or use the order form on the back page.



Conference Agenda

DAY ONE

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Opening General Session
- 9:15 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Morning Sessions
- 11:55 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:05 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Afternoon Sessions

DAY TWO

Participants, please check in at the registration desk each day you attend.

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Morning Sessions
- 11:20 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch Break (on your own)
- 12:35 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Afternoon Sessions

DAY 1 • Opening General Session • 8:30 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.

Kinder-Action: It's Where It All Begins! – Sheri Sutterley

Let's kick off the conference with warm moments and a little bit of cheer as we focus on the young learners in our rooms. Come join us as we look into the changing world of kindergarten and how we can prepare our young students with the key skills and foundational knowledge that will help them be successful in school and beyond.

DAY 1 • MORNING SESSIONS

ST. LOUIS – Monday, July 11, 2016 • CHICAGO – Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions

9:15 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. • Full Morning Session



❑ **A-1: Celebrating Centers – Making Literacy Centers Work for You and Your Kindergarten Students** – Sheri Sutterley

NEW ways to incorporate centers or grouping strategies into your kindergarten classroom and still cover all of the required expectations from your district. Teacher-friendly, time saving tips for organizing, managing and implementing centers that motivate, engage and support your kindergarten students.

BREAK • 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

9:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. • First 70-Minute Morning Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

❑ **A-2: Boost Comprehension Skills with Hands-on Activities, Quality Literature and More** – Sue Brady

Comprehension is the reason for reading! Even teachers of beginning readers can begin to build the foundation for reading comprehension. This session will focus on essential areas and hands-on activities to start emergent readers on the course to understanding what they read.

❑ **A-3: Boost Student Math Skills with the Best Websites and Apps Ideal for Kindergarten** – Sue Holt

Learn how you can effectively use a computer, iPad, digital camera, apps, Internet resources, and other mobile devices to enhance the math skills you are already teaching in your kindergarten classroom. Learn how the best websites and apps can simplify your teaching, help differentiate for all learners, and engage your students in using technology and math while meeting your state standards. Sue will share the best apps and Internet resources that will reinforce key kindergarten math skills and concepts while making learning fun and easy.

BREAK • 10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. • Second 70-Minute Morning Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

❑ **A-4: Engaging, Hands-on Activities to Promote the Home School Connection** – Sue Brady

Create low-cost, high interest activities to use in your classroom. Build and strengthen your home-school connections that encourage families to experience your classroom at home. These fun and motivating activities make use of class books, trade books and a variety of manipulatives.

❑ **A-5: Terrific Tips for the First 30 Days of Kindergarten** – Sue Holt

Discover new routines for a successful classroom that fosters independence and help your students have fun, and be productive from day one. Sue's ideas, strategies and techniques will help you start the year off strong with lessons, activities and procedures that will teach students to follow directions the first time while building classroom community, and setting high expectations for behavior and learning. Find out how to keep all kindergartners engaged and learning using management skills as well as FREE and easy-to-use resources.

11:55 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. • Lunch break (on your own) • A great time to network with colleagues!

DAY 1 • AFTERNOON SESSIONS

ST. LOUIS – Monday, July 11, 2016 • CHICAGO – Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Choose **ONE** Full Afternoon Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions

1:05 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. • Full Afternoon Session

❑ **B-1: The Best of the Best Ideas for Kindergarten Teachers** – Sue Brady

Bring fun and excitement into your kindergarten classroom with these exciting, engaging activities that promote learning in fun, motivating ways. Join Sue and learn about her most successful activities that are “must-do’s” every year. From developmentally appropriate mini-units to a touching good-bye book and thank you party for volunteers, you will leave with ideas that you can easily implement in your own kindergarten classroom.

BREAK • 1:55 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.



1:05 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. • First 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

❑ **B-2: Utilize Easy-to-Use, Yet Powerful Science and Technology Activities Designed Specifically for Kindergarten Students** – Sue Holt

Most kindergarten science curriculum is non-existent, expensive or time-consuming. In this idea-filled session, you’ll learn about low-cost, hands-on science and technology activities that also easily integrate with math and literacy lessons. Discover new and exciting ways to use technology to teach simple, powerful science concepts. Learn how to use iPads, computers, digital cameras, document cameras, the Internet, and age-appropriate science websites and apps to engage students and increase learning while meeting your state standards!

❑ **B-3: From Blocks to Books and Writing - Creating Young Authors** – Sheri Sutterley

It’s time to create, write and read meaningful activities that your children can take home and read. This session will be fast paced, will integrate reading, writing throughout the year and include take home books that will inspire your young learners and help meet state standards.

BREAK • 2:15 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

2:35 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. • Second 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

❑ **B-4: Discover the Best Websites for Kindergartners!** – Sue Holt

Discover how you can quickly and easily find, access and organize the best websites and videos for use in your kindergarten classroom. Discover how easy it is to make your own e-books or instructional videos. Leave with hundreds of websites, e-books and ad-free videos bookmarked and ready to use tomorrow!

❑ **B-5: Once Upon a Time ... Motivating Retelling with Your Kindergarten Kids** – Sheri Sutterley

From Goldilocks to Pete the Cat ... It’s time to practice Retelling with your Kindergarten students. This session will include retelling and writing ideas to be taught throughout the year. Come ready to participate and be engaged in retelling to help your students succeed with the required state standards.



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DAY 2 • MORNING SESSIONS

ST. LOUIS – Tuesday, July 12, 2016 • CHICAGO – Thursday, July 28, 2016

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 75-Minute Session

8:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. • Full Morning Session



- ❑ **C-1: Make Best Use of Tablets and Apps in Your Kindergarten Classroom** – Sue Holt
Learn how to more effectively utilize iPads, Android Tablets and Kindles and the best apps to simplify your teaching and support your kindergartners in the classroom, whether you have one device or a full classroom set. Gain dozens of practical, ready-to-use, kindergarten-specific strategies for meeting state standards in math and language arts. Sue will demonstrate how to use your device with ideas that go beyond just the apps to teach handwriting, storytelling, reading skills, writing, counting, problem solving, and more!

BREAK • 10:05 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. • First 75-Minute Morning Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

- ❑ **C-2: Significantly Strengthen Your Literacy Work Stations** – Sue Brady
Strengthen your language arts program through the use of literacy stations. Implement these classroom-tested ideas that are easy to apply because they are extensions of what you are already doing! Join Sue for a session that is filled with meaningful literacy work that will keep your students practicing relevant literacy skills independently and at their level.
- ❑ **C-3: Communication is the Key: Engaging Parents in Learning** – Sheri Sutterley
From newsletters, notes and homework to parent nights, volunteers and performances ... This session will include ways to engage your parents and make them active participants in the kindergarten experience.

BREAK • 9:45 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

10:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. • Second 75-Minute Morning Sessions

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

- ❑ **C-4: Helping Your Struggling Kindergartners** – Sue Brady
In this highly informative and practical session, you will discover hands-on reading strategies and activities to help your struggling kindergarten students before they fall too far behind. These activities can be used immediately in your classroom.
- ❑ **C-5: Everyday Writing: Making Writing Meaningful in Your Kindergarten Classroom** – Sheri Sutterley
From whole group to the individual child, children need to be drawing, dictating and writing to meet state standards. This session will include ideas for shared, modeled, interactive and independent journal writing throughout the year. Let's get our children writing from the very first day of school!



11:20 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. • Lunch Break (on your own) A great time to network with colleagues!

DAY 2 • AFTERNOON SESSIONS

ST. LOUIS – Tuesday, July 12, 2016 • CHICAGO – Thursday, July 28, 2016

Choose **TWO** 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions

12:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. • **First 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions**

CHOOSE ONE: D-1, D-2 or D-3

D-1: Nursery Rhyme Jive in Current Kinder Times – *Sheri Sutterley*

Discover the importance of Nursery Rhymes in today's classroom. This session will include ways to sing, move, read, create and write nursery rhymes throughout the year. Keep the nursery rhymes alive to a whole new generation!



D-2: Build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge with Fun, Hands-on Activities – *Sue Brady*

Research shows that vocabulary plays a significant role in learning how to read. In this session you will discover activities that actively engage students to help them strengthen the skills needed to develop an expansive vocabulary.

D-3: Go full STEAM ahead with powerful projects that make integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Easy, Meaningful and Fun – *Sue Holt*

Help your kindergartners learn to discover creative solutions to everyday problems and integrate your reading, writing and math learning standards with STEAM projects and the Next Generation Science Standards. Go home with fully developed engaging lessons that include games, stories, centers, and more! Discover how you can easily integrate STEAM during calendar time, centers, and into your traditional themes.

BREAK • 1:50 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.

2:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. • **Second 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions**

CHOOSE ONE: D-4, D-5 or D-6

D-4: Moving to the Sound of Rhythm, Music and Poetry – *Sheri Sutterley*

Clap your hands and stomp your feet, get in the rhythm of the kindergarten beat! This session will include songs and poetry to integrate throughout the day. Tips on using music as signals in your classroom, songs to sing at home and literacy book extensions to motivate your children to read and write will be included in this session. Come prepared to energize your brain, move your body and feel the rhythm of the beat ... while keeping focused on the individual needs of your young learners.

D-5: Yes They Can! Create a Highly Literate Environment to increase the Reading and Writing skills of Your Kindergarteners – *Sue Brady*

Creating a print rich environment is a crucial step in the development of successful young readers and writers. In this session you will discover many easy-to-implement ways to display and make the best use of print in your classroom to foster your students' interest in language and writing.

D-6: Strengthen Your Kindergarten Literacy Instruction Using Technology – *Sue Holt*

Discover new, innovative ways to meet literacy standards with simple and engaging use of technology and the best free Internet resources. Learn how you can strengthen your students' reading and writing skills by utilizing these tools in your whole class, small group and individual instruction. Receive new and effective ideas for supporting your students' writing using tablets, computers, document cameras, along with the best e-books and reading games available.



Every session packed with highly practical ideas

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Registration (NAJ6M1)

CHICAGO (Alsip), IL

Both days: July 27 and 28, 2016
 One day only: July 27 -or- July 28, 2016

ST. LOUIS (Clayton), IL

Both days: July 11 and July 12, 2016
 One day only: July 11 -or- July 12, 2016

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Payment is due prior to the program. No cash please.
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DAY 1	<input type="checkbox"/> One Full Morning Session: A-1	<input type="checkbox"/> One Full Afternoon Session: B-1	
	- OR -	- OR -	
DAY 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Two 70-Minute Morning Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/> Two 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions	
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CANCELLATION/SUBSTITUTIONS: 100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the conference. Late cancellations will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

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REGISTER ONLINE at:

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Meeting Sites & Hotel Accommodations

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