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SUMMIT

Summer 2023!

JUNE 26-28, 2023



Virtual
Conference Guide



WITH KEYNOTES BY



**RON
CLARK**



**DAVE
BURGESS**



**KATIE
GARNER**



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



"I am so happy I attended. The speakers were engaging and provided so many opportunities for us to think about our practice. I can't wait to try some new ideas!"



"This was AWESOME! I got so many new ideas and confirmations that I'm on the right track about what I am already doing! The virtual way was amazing because I got to "attend" a lot more workshops than if I was in person and I got to do it little by little and so I wasn't overwhelmed by it all. Thank you for doing this! Thank you presenters for taking the time to record your sessions for us all!"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



"Thank you so much for this amazing conference! I have learned so much and can't wait to start applying some of what I've learned!"



"This was/is full of such engaging and useful ideas to help kids learn and teachers teach!"



"This conference is life-changing! I learned so many new strategies and techniques to make my classroom better. I am forever grateful to all the educators who put this together, it was so worthwhile! "



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RON CLARK

From The Ron Clark Academy

Keynote

Ron Clark's outstanding success with students from low-wealth areas of North Carolina and New York City led him to be named Disney's American Teacher of the Year. He is a New York Times Best Selling author, and his classes have been honored at the White House on three separate occasions. Ron's teaching experiences in New York City are the subject of the uplifting film, *The Ron Clark Story*, starring Matthew Perry. Currently, Mr. Clark serves as a teacher and administrator at the Ron Clark Academy, an award winning and internationally acclaimed middle school in Atlanta, GA. The school serves as a training site for educators, and each years thousands of teachers and administrators from around the world visit the school to be trained in their methods for helping all students achieve success.



DAVE BURGESS

From Teach Like a Pirate

Keynote

Join New York Times Best-Selling author Dave Burgess for a high-energy, entertaining, and inspirational keynote that will transform the way you look at your role as an educator. Learn how to dramatically increase student engagement, design wildly creative lessons, and build a course that is a life-changing experience for your students. Dave is an award-winning teacher from San Diego, highly sought after professional development speaker, and the author of *Teach Like a PIRATE: Increase Student Engagement, Boost Your Creativity, and Transform Your Life as an Educator*. He has been voted a faculty standout for 17 consecutive years in categories such as Most Entertaining, Most Energetic, and Most Dramatic. In 2014 he was recognized by the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences with the BAMMY award for Secondary School Teacher of the Year.





KATIE GARNER

From Secret Stories®

Keynote

Katie Garner, M.Ed. (author of Secret Stories® Cracking the Reading Code with the Brain in Mind) is an international keynote speaker and literacy consultant with thirty years of experience working in classrooms around the world, and a passion for infusing neuroscience into literacy and learning. Katie's "backdoor to the brain" approach to fast-tracking phonics skills for reading shifts the paradigms associated with traditional literacy instruction. Her fast-paced, dynamic presentations spotlight strategies for boosting existing reading curriculum with science of reading-based practices that align with the brain's system for learning. Katie's practical and proven methods for bringing neuroscience into the forefront of literacy and learning have been shared in lecture and panel discussion at Harvard University and MIT and have been the subject of numerous professional journal articles and publications. Her Facebook Group, Science of Reading Meets Science of Learning is a literacy learning hub for 80,000+ educators, providing access to free instructional resources.



Join

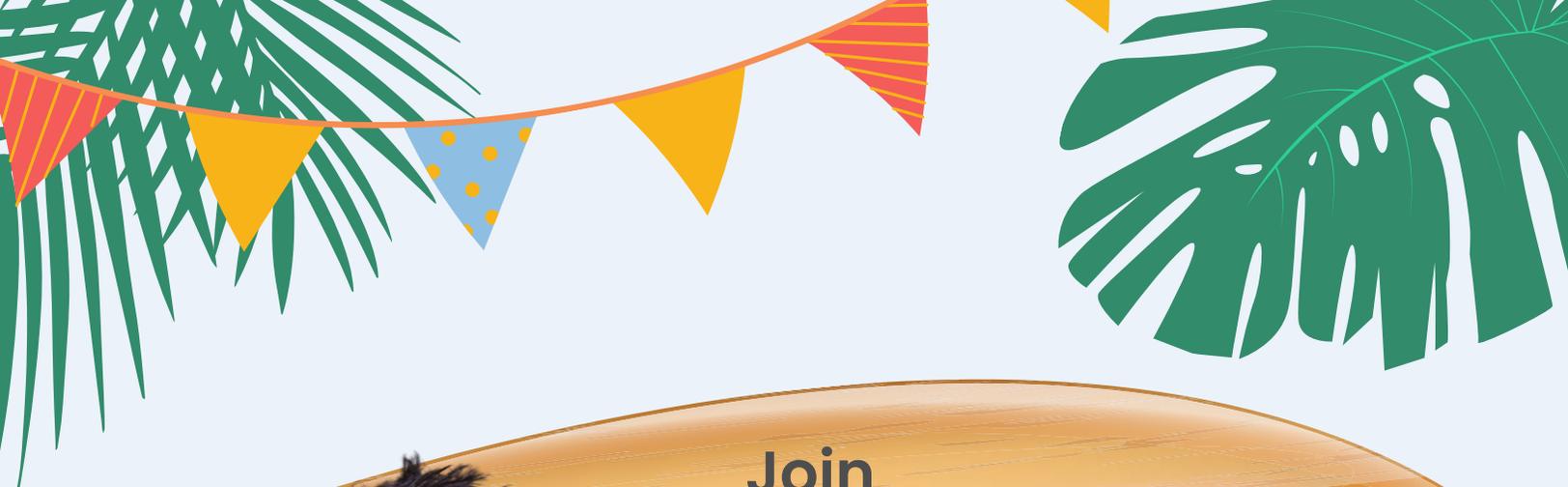
ADAM DOVICO

Author of *When Kids Lead*,
The Limitless School & *Inside
the Trenches*

For his session:

Houses For You

Adam Dovico is an accomplished teacher, curriculum facilitator, principal, professor, speaker, and author. For the past two decades, he has taught students of all ages through his engaging and rigorous teaching style. He has also provided professional development for educators from around the world through his keynotes, workshops, and books. You can often find Adam standing on a table or chair dressed in one of his signature entertaining suits. He has been recognized by organizations such as the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund, Learning for Justice, and the Atlanta Falcons for his leadership and teaching, and he continues to work for greater equity in schools through his antiracist and culturally responsive pedagogy.



Join
**ADAM
PETERSON**

From - Adam Peterson
Education

**For his session:
Math Is More Than A
Worksheet! Games &
Activities to Make
Math Fun!**

Adam Peterson is an award-winning educator from Illinois and an internationally recognized speaker. After spending more than a decade as a kindergarten teacher, Adam now takes his knowledge and talents on the road across the nation to inspire, educate, and motivate other teachers to create classrooms that encourage creativity, play, and hands-on learning.

He was a featured speaker at the event TEDxNormal 2019 where he shared his message of making the world a brighter place through his Be The Yellow talk and movement. Being a believer that family comes first, Adam spends every free second he has with his beautiful wife, Trisha, and their two amazing children.





Join
**ALEXIS
SHEPARD**

From - The Afro Educator

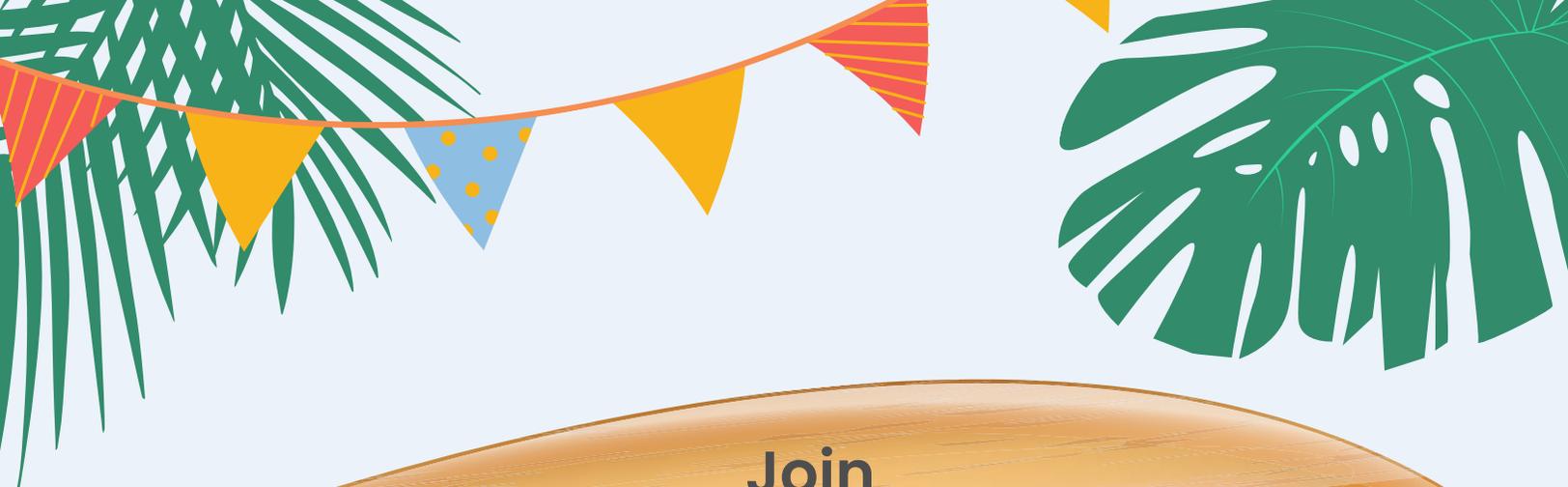
For her session:
**Prioritizing Your
People: Strategies for
Leaders to Invest in
Teachers**

Alexis is a former middle school English teacher with over a decade of experience in South Carolina public schools. She has endured burnout, bureaucracy, the joys and triumphs that come with the teaching profession.

In 2018, Alexis created The AfroEducator to empower educators to step into the most confident, conscious, and authentic versions of themselves inside and outside the classroom.

Alexis uses her voice and her expertise to help educators at all levels ditch perfectionism, celebrate progress, and find joy in the journey of becoming.





Join
**ANGELA
GRIFFITH**

From - The Daily Alphabet

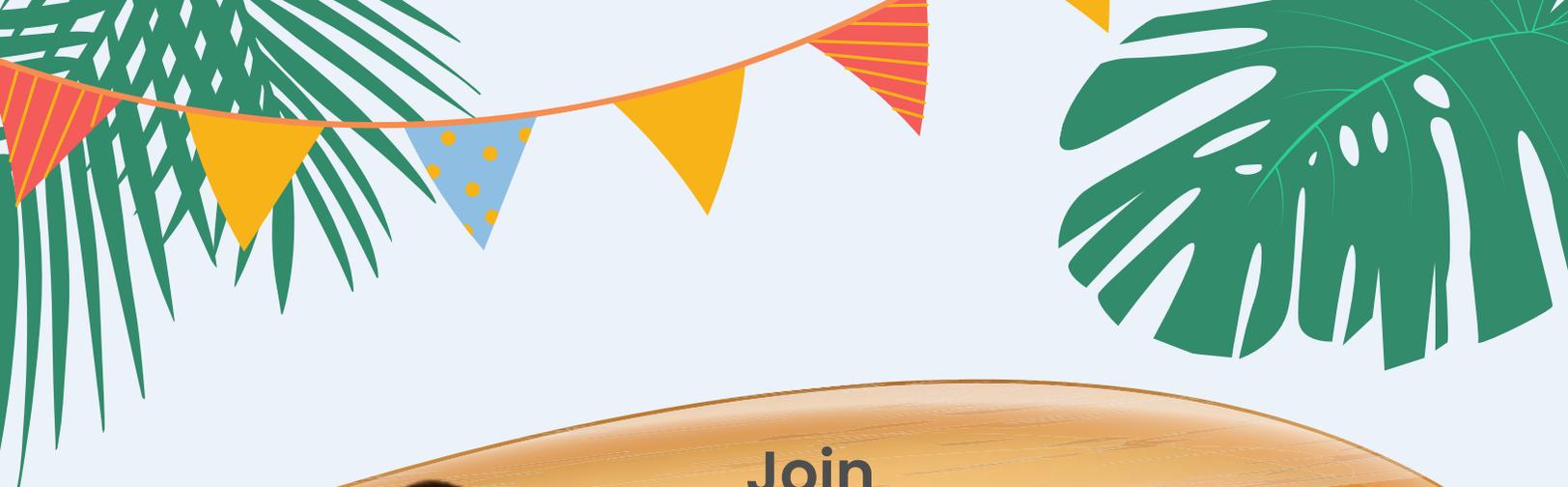


For her session:
**Writing Workshop: The
First Few Weeks**

Hey there! I'm Angela Griffith, the educator, author, and lifelong learner behind The Daily Alphabet. I'm here to help you create positive learning experiences in your classroom by bringing you research-based strategies and resources.

I know what it's like to be overwhelmed with all of the latest teaching fads when all you need are resources and activities that keep your students engaged in learning. I'm passionate about literacy, and I love the entire ELA block, from whole and small group to centers and writing! I enjoy helping teachers to fall in love with their ELA block as well!





Join
**ANNA
GEIGER**

From - The Measured Mom

For her session:
**How to get started with
the science of reading**

Anna Geiger, M.Ed., has classroom experience from first through fifth grade. After earning her Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction, she began caring for her children at home. Now Anna serves educators through her blog, The Measured Mom, where she shares hands-on lessons, thoughtful articles, and printable resources.

She has a weekly podcast called Triple R Teaching, and she delivers monthly video trainings and printables to members of The Measured Mom Plus. Anna is Orton-Gillingham certified and earned a Reading Science certificate from Mount St. Joseph University.





Join
**ASHLYN
ELLSWORTH**

From - The Creative Classroom

For her session:
Classroom Design on a Dime - 10 genius ways to transform a classroom on a teacher's budget

Ashlyn Ellsworth is an educational speaker and content creator in Charleston, South Carolina. She has over 15 years of teaching experience in the primary grade levels. Ashlyn's passion and reason she began her small business, The Creative Classroom was to inspire and help educators around the world by providing classroom ideas to build positive and uplifting learning environments for students.





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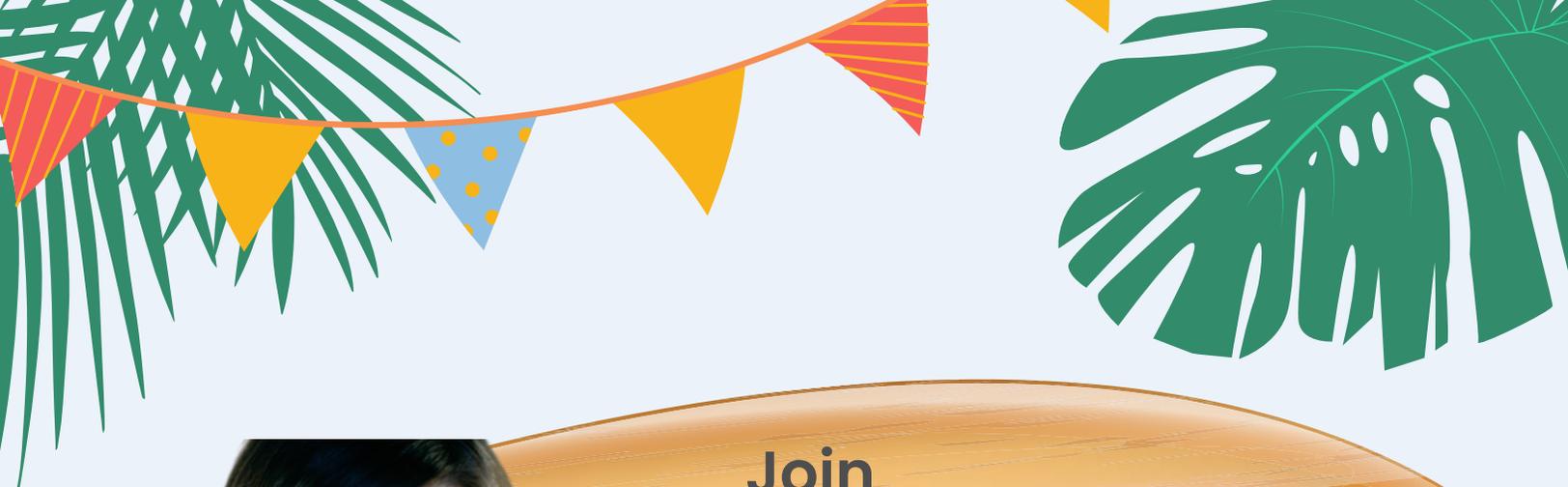
CHRISTINA DECARBO

From - Miss DeCarbo

For her session:

**Integrating Science
and Literacy in the
Primary Classroom**

Christina (Miss DeCarbo) is a literacy coach, national presenter, and curriculum author from Northeast, Ohio. After teaching in the classroom for over twelve years, she currently works as her district's PreK-5 literacy coach. She is trained in dyslexia and structured literacy through the Orton Gillingham Academy, LETRS, and Top 10 Tools. Her research-based sessions are packed with engaging lessons and creative tools to help students reach their greatest potential as readers, writers, and problem-solvers. Christina is the curriculum author of best-selling literacy intervention materials, and loves collaborating with educators on Instagram @missdecarbo. As a mom to two little ones at home, she enjoys spending time with family when she is not at school. You can learn more about Christina on her website at www.missdecarbo.com.



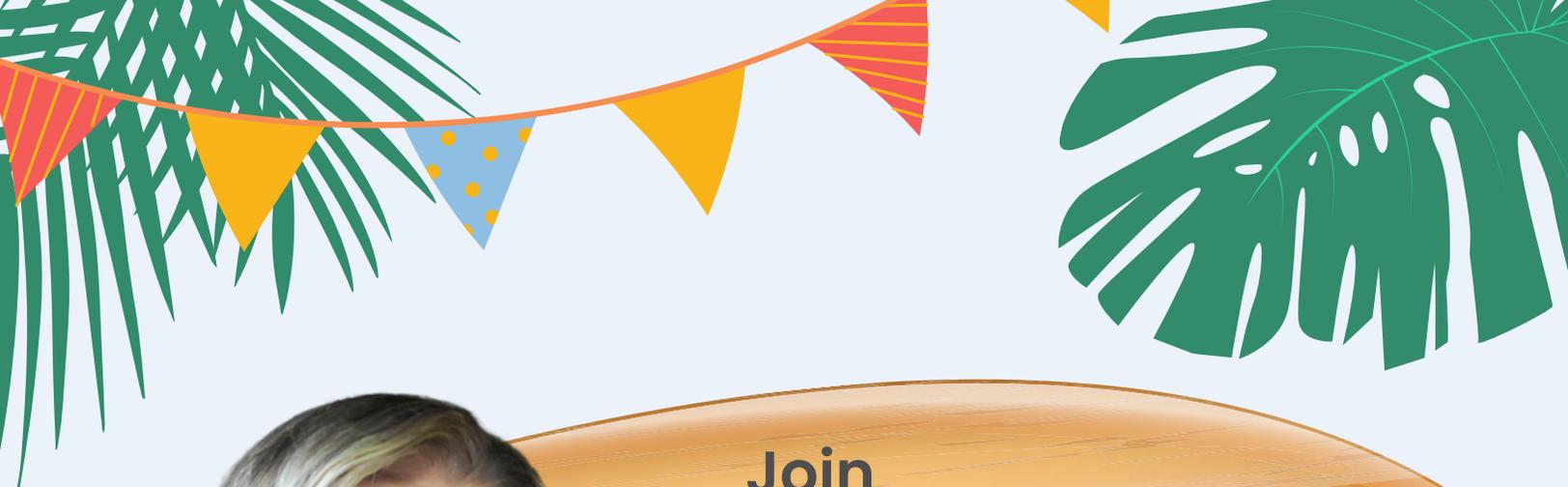
Join
**CRYSTAL
OSWALD**

From - The Balanced
Teacher

For her session:
SEL in Writing

Crystal Oswald is a District Service Coach for a variety of schools in Illinois. Prior to this position, she was a classroom teacher for 14 years and an SEL specialist for 3 years. She has taught every grade from 1st - 5th grade. She holds a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Nebraska and a Masters in Literacy.

She has her certification as a Reading Specialist and is currently working on graduate SEL courses. Crystal is passionate about helping teachers and students grow. She loves creating engaging lessons that tap into all learning styles! She enjoys golfing, taking walks, and hanging out with friends and family. She is beyond thrilled to collaborate and share all things SEL.



Join
**DANA
QUINN**

From - 2nd Grade Sassy
Pants

For her session:
**Morning Tubs: Starting
each day with authentic
communication and
teamwork experiences**

Dana Quinn is a full time classroom teacher with over 20 years of experience in elementary education. She has taught kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades but 2nd is her favorite! She holds a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Masters in Cross-Cultural Education.

She is passionate about student choice, flexible seating and easy ways to maximize student engagement. When she's not teaching 2nd grade, she's enjoying the sunny weather in southern California with her three children and two pets.





Join

ELIZABETH BARE

Author behind *The Kinderhearted Classroom*

For her session:

Unleash the Power of ChatGPT: Transform Your Classroom with NLP

Hi there! My name is Elizabeth Bare and I am a 14-year veteran of the classroom. I've been writing curriculum and educational materials for the past seven years, and have had the opportunity to present at conferences like SDE, ISTE, and The Educator Summit. I was even invited to speak in China to teach Chinese educators about the importance of social emotional learning (SEL).

Throughout my career, I've had the pleasure of working with a wide variety of students and educators, and have developed a deep passion for both. I believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and that it is our job as educators to provide the support and guidance they need to reach their full potential. I also believe that a little bit of humor goes a long way in the classroom, so don't be surprised if you catch me cracking a joke or two during our session!

I am excited to share my knowledge and experience with you, and hope that you'll walk away from this session feeling inspired and equipped to bring a little bit of SEL magic to your own classroom.

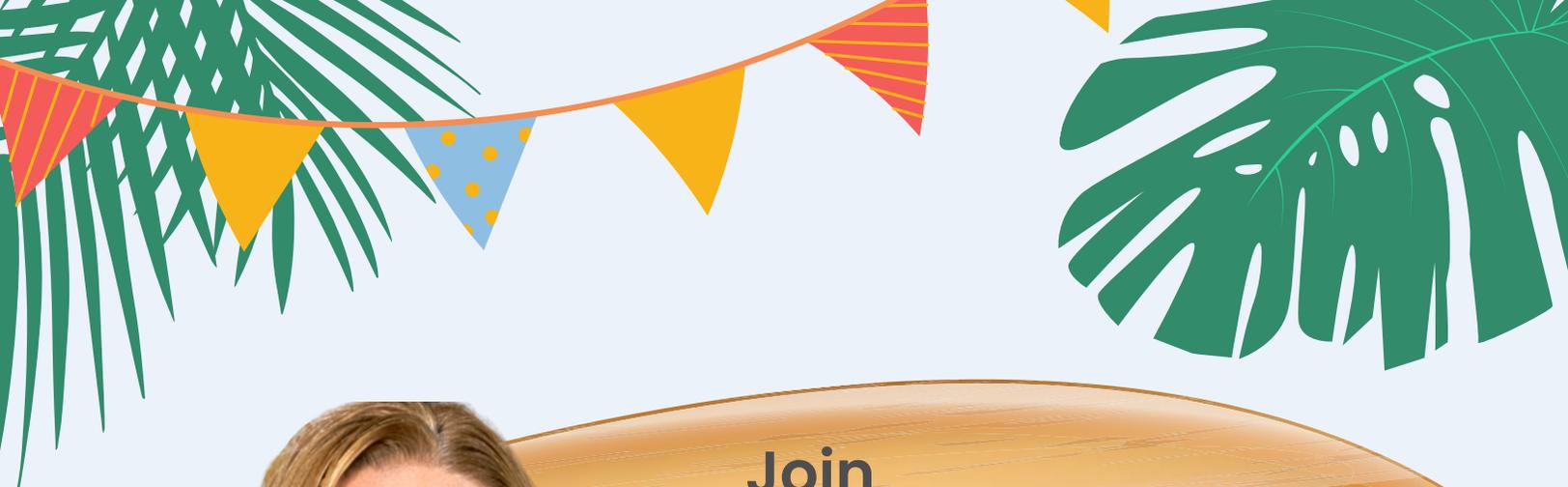


Join
**ELIZABETH
HALL**

From - Kickin' it in
Kindergarten

For her session:
From Balanced Literacy to
Science of Reading- How to
Implement Daily Routines to
Maximize best practice and
research.

Elizabeth is a Tennessee native where she has taught Kindergarten for 15 years. She has presented to teachers all over the country before Covid and having her 3 littles. Working with teachers has always been a passion because when we learn from each other, kids are the ones that benefit!



Join
**EMILY
YERTY**

From - Polka Dots Please

For her session:
**Adding Movement to Literacy
and Math**

Emily is currently a graduate instructor at St. Francis University in Pennsylvania, where she teaches courses in Early Childhood Education. She uses her 12 years of teaching experience in an inclusive first grade classroom to help fellow educators to create a learning environment that meets the needs of every student. She specializes in early childhood, classroom management, and engaging instruction! You can find her Polka Dots Please resources on her website, Teachers Pay Teachers, and social media. Emily believes that every child and teacher deserve a happy classroom!





Join
**FARRAH
HENLEY**

From - Farrah Henley
Education

For her session:
Total Physical Response:
Student Engagement Boost

Farrah is a 25 year veteran teacher in grades PreK-5th Grade. She has been serving teachers with professional development for over 10 years and is passionate about student engagement! She shares her years of experience in the classroom with teachers through her blog, YouTube channel, and her podcast "Teaching Made Easy". She strives to help teachers implement SIMPLE CLASSROOM SYSTEMS that ACTUALLY WORK so they can finally JUST TEACH without overwhelm and burnout! When she isn't coaching and mentoring teachers in grades PreK-5, she can be found traveling the country with her retired first-responder and fur babies in their RV!



Join

**GREG
SMEDLEY-
WARREN**

From - Kindergarten
Smorgasboard

For his session:

**A Smorgasboard of Math
Strategies**

Howdy! I am Mr. Greg from The Kindergarten Smorgasboard. I have been teaching for 15 years. I spent a year teaching fifth grade, two years in second grade, and am now in my 12th year in kindergarten which is my passion and my calling but honestly, that wasn't how it started. I plan to never leave the classroom as the kids are what drive me to continue my growth as a teacher and person. I have a monthly broadcast on YouTube called Submission for Smorgie LIVE. I enjoy blogging, creating curriculum and resources for my classroom and conducting professional development sessions to help teachers around the world make their classrooms a more fun, effective, and interactive place to teach. When I'm not in the classroom, blogging, and doing all things teach, I enjoy spending time with my family. I live in Nashville, Tennessee with my husband (known as The Mister on my blog) our daughter, Adelynn, and our dog, Butters.



Join
**HILARY
STATUM**

From - Pencils to Pigtails

For her session:
**Fun with Fairy Tales – Meet the
Standards with Time-Tested
Texts**

Hilary Statum is an ESL Teacher in Middle Tennessee with over 15 years of experience at the school she attended as a young child. She has experience teaching kindergarten, first, transitional-first, second, fourth, and fifth graders! She is the author of Pencils to Pigtails, a popular blog for parents and teachers. Her first published book entitled "Solar System for Kids" was released on May 26th, 2020.

Hilary is also a Featured Presenter at regional and national educational events held around the country. She holds a Master's Degree in Instructional Leadership and enjoys coordinating and teaching her school district's free parent English class. Her favorite days are spent with her two young girls and baby boy, husband, parents, siblings, and the rest of her very large extended family. You can connect with Hilary on all social media platforms using the handle @pencilstopigtails.



Join
**JACKIE
KOPS**

From - Pocket of Preschool

For her session:

**GIANT Butcher Paper Activities
to Teach Literacy & Math Skills**

I'm Jackie, your go-to girl for early childhood ideas and inspiration. My passion is to inspire you with play-based activities, themed centers and supports that nurture and challenge little learners. I also want to help you find ways to embed character (aka social skills) throughout your day. I want to do the work for you so you can stop missing your life.

My goal is for you to spend less time brainstorming and less time creating. This will lead to more time teaching, more time creating a difference in the lives of your students and more time for your family. YES, you work hard and deserve to have time with the ones you love!



Join

JACKIE POWELL

From - Ms. Powell's Owls

For her session:
**Engagement at the
Intervention Table**

Jackie Powell is a K-5 reading interventionist in Middle Tennessee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Western Kentucky University, a Master's and Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from Middle Tennessee State University. She has previously taught grades 2, 3, and kindergarten. Jackie is passionate about reaching all learners and developing a positive school culture with students and their families. For the past two years, she has presented for The Educator Summit.



Join
**JAMIE
HUBBARD**

From - Jamie Pre K

For her session:
Math, ELA and Play stations
with Dollar Store finds!

Hello! I am Jamie Hubbard, Early Childhood Specialist and Voluntary PreK Director for Rutherford County Schools in Tennessee. This is my 21st year in education and pre-K students and teachers are my passion. I have a wonderful husband and 9 beautiful grown kiddos who are all making their own waves in this world. My mission in life is to help others find their joy in their lives, jobs and experiences! I'm excited to be a part of the Summit again and can't wait to share some joy with all of you!

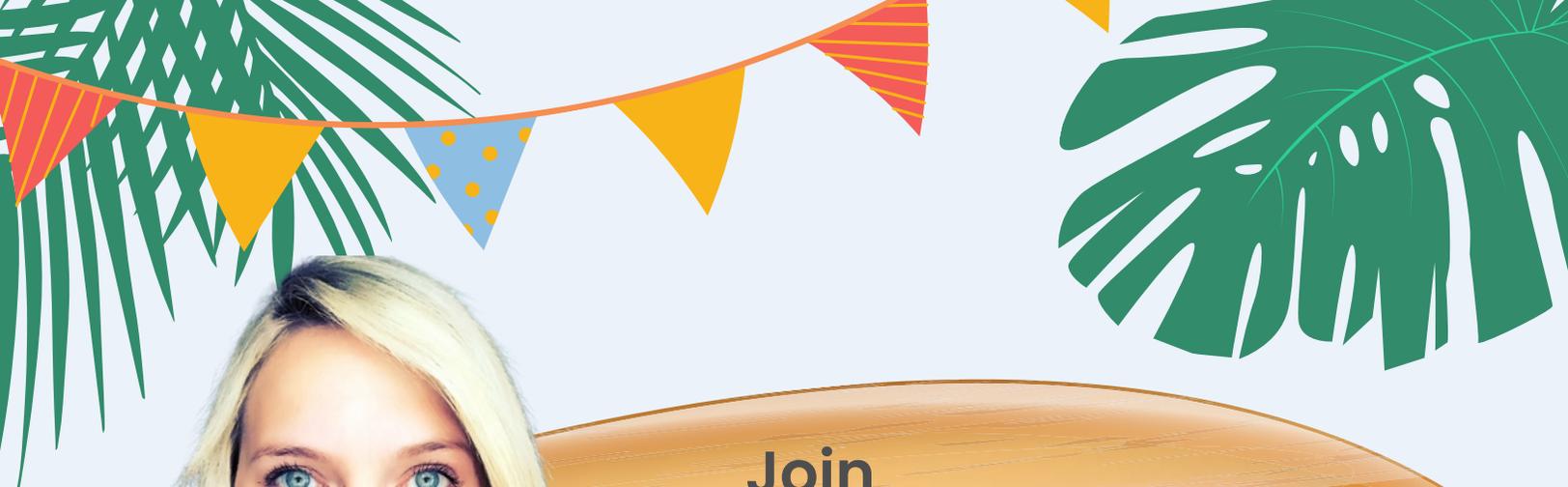


Join
**JENNY
LAROCQUE**

From - The Multicultural
Classroom

For her session:
**Make Writing Fun! Bringing
Play into your Writing Time**

Jenny is a 13th year kindergarten teacher. She is passionate about including diverse books in her classroom and providing a multicultural curriculum in her classroom. She started the social media movement #allarewelcomeinmyclassroom. She has spoken across the country about implementing culturally responsive teaching. You can follow her on Instagram @heyjennylarocque or on Tik Tok @multiculturalclassroom. Her mission is for all students to feel loved, seen and welcome into their learning environment.



Join
**JESSICA
TRAVIS**

From - Wild About Firsties

For her session:
The Budget Bonanza! {Low-Cost Math & Literacy Engagement}

Jessica is an experienced early childhood educator with over 17 years of experience. After spending 13 years in the primary classroom, she has transitioned to an early childhood math and literacy specialist for her district. Jessica has been a national presenter since 2014 and shares her passion and ideas in her fun and fresh sessions. You can find many of her resources and classroom ideas on her award winning website, JessicaTravisTeaching.com.





Join
**KERI
BROWN**

From - Enchanted
Kindergarden

For her session:
**Get Your Students Writing
Independently**

Keri has been in education over 15 years teaching both kindergarten and first grade. She lives in central Alabama with her pup, Lola.

She enjoys learning new strategies for teaching, meeting teachers from all over the world and integrating tech into as many things as she can!



Join
**KIMBERLY
JORDANO**

From - Kinder by Kim

For her session:
Retelling Strategies that Stick

Kimberly Jordano has incorporated over 30 years of teaching experience into her kindergarten classroom. She has been a master teacher and language-arts mentor in her school district. She holds a master's degree in English as a Second Language (ESL).

Kimberly is a full time kindergarten teacher in Los Alamitos California. She is a national teacher presenter and you can find her posts daily on both Instagram and her Facebook pages Kinderbykim.

Kimberly's goal is to keep the joy in kindergarten while teaching the standards in a meaningful child centered way!



Join
**LAURA
SANTOS**

From - Core Inspiration

For her session:
**Independence in the math
block**

Laura Santos is an elementary educator with a passion for making math a hands-on learning experience that is accessible for all students. She is an expert at helping you differentiate your math block in a way that is straightforward for students and completely manageable for teachers. Get ready to transform your classroom into an organized learning environment where differentiation helps students feel confident, valued, and inspired to take ownership of their learning.



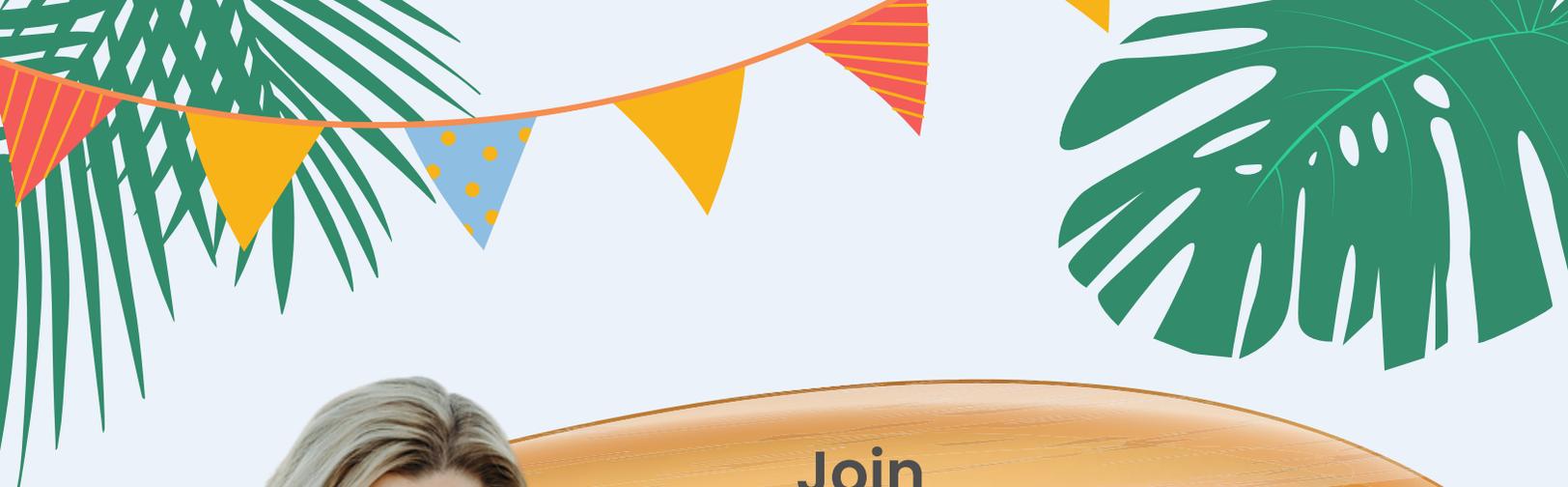
Join
**LEANNA
WOLKIS-
GOLDSTEIN**

From - Wolkis
Wonderland

For her session:
**Classroom Management
Must Haves**

LeAnna Wolkis Goldstein is an energetic and passionate Kindergarten Teacher from Arizona with over 25 years of teaching experience. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, a Master's Degree from NAU, an Early Childhood Endorsement and achieved the rigorous advanced credentials of National Board Certification.

While teaching in her award-winning classroom, The "Wolkis Wonderland," she designs mini hands-on center based stations that are brought to life with novel realia. As a Nationally Recognized Presenter, LeAnna empowers educators to create cooperative learning environments utilizing music, movement & manipulatives that foster 100% student engagement.



Join
**DR. LORI
ELLIOTT**

From - Dr. Lori Elliott
ED Consulting

For her session:
**Relationships, Routines, &
Really Practical Strategies for
Building Classroom
Community**

Dr. Lori Elliott is an energetic and creative educator. She has served as a classroom teacher, technology integration specialist, and literacy coordinator. Dr. Elliott is the author of several books including her most recent, Project Based Learning Anywhere.

Lori currently teaches an adjunct instructor at Missouri State University. She collaborates with educators nationally and internationally as an instructional coach and educational consultant.

She is passionate about literacy, technology integration, student engagement, and Project Based Learning.





Join
**MALIA
HOLLOWELL**

From - Play Dough 2 Plato

For her session:
10 Science of Reading Secrets
Every Teacher Needs to Know

Malia is a National Board Certified Teacher, soon-to-be author, and the founder of Playdough to Plato - a company that supports more than 500,000 teachers around the world through training, curriculum, and social media.



Join

MARCY BERNETHY

From - Saddle Up for 2nd
Grade

For her session:

**Problem Solving, No Problem! -
Problem solving strategies**

Marcy is a veteran teacher teaching 1st and 2nd grade before she became an educational consultant for teachers.

She is the teacher author behind SaddleUpFor2ndGrade.com. Through her teaching resources and professional development, she's been able to serve thousands of teachers worldwide with her programs.

Marcy prides herself on being able to deliver resources to truly make your life easier.



Join

**MARSHA
MCGUIRE**

From - Differ Kinder

For her session:

**Differentiated Math Centers
Done Right!**

I'm Marsha, a teacher-mom committed to the journey of creating a differentiated classroom for my students. It's my goal to meet the needs of all my students through fun, engaging and developmentally appropriate activities.

When I'm not teaching, I'm a busy wife to my amazing husband and mom to my three little Irish lads.



Join

**MARY
AMOSON**

From - Sharing
Kindergarten

For her session:
Phonics Phun

Mary is an enthusiastic and passionate Kindergarten teacher from Georgia with 18 years of experience. She holds a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and an Educational Specialist Degree in Instructional Technology. In addition to teaching full-time, Mary finds joy in presenting to educators across the country for more than 14 years. She loves sharing engaging ideas, hands-on activities, and rigorous content that has worked with her own kindergartners through her website, <https://sharingkindergarten.com/>. Mary is committed to instilling passion in teachers because she believes that passion is truly the secret to increasing learning and achievement.



Join

**MICHELLE
GRIFFO**

From - Apples and
ABC's & Target
Teachers

For her session:

**Target Teachers: Where Great
Minds and Great Finds Collide**

Michelle Griffo is a curriculum designer and educational consultant with over 11 years of teaching experience. She has taught TK-2nd, 4th, & 5th grade.. but kindergarten is her sweet spot! Michelle received her Undergrad in Business Administration, Teaching Credential, and Masters of Education from Vanguard University in Southern California; which is where she still lives with her husband and two children. Michelle is a teacher author on her blog Apples and ABC's and also loves encouraging and training teachers in her teacher membership called The Enchanted Little Learning Corner. You can find Michelle on Instagram at @applesandabcs and @targetteachers where she shows her life, curriculum, teaching ideas, and Target finds!



Join
**REBEKAH
POE**

From - Rebekah Poe
Teaching

For her session:
Show them you C.A.R.E.:
Motivating reluctant learners

Rebekah Poe is an award-winning special education teacher and national teaching conference presenter. She has over a decade of experience in special education.

As an educator, Rebekah believes all behavior is communication and all feelings are valid, and she focuses on providing equitable education and establishing connections to students of all ability levels in an inclusive setting.



Join
**SARAH
PAUL**

From - Snippets by Sarah

For her session:
How to get from Phonics
to Fluency

Sarah Paul is a K-3 reading specialist. She has been teaching for 18 years. Sarah has a master's in educational leadership and has a reading intervention endorsement. She is Orton-Gillingham trained and has taken several additional courses to learn more about dyslexia and the Science of Reading over the past ten years. Since then, she has been dedicated to finding manageable and engaging ways to apply research to practice.



Join

**SHANNON
CUNNINGHAM**

From - Primary
Shannonigans

For her session:

An Introduction to STEAM

Shannon Cunningham Lanning is an early literacy educator in North Texas and loves working in the primary grades. Over her education career, Shannon has spent time in classrooms in Arizona, Nebraska, and the great state of Texas. Shannon has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. Shannon is certified to teach preschool - 6th grade as well as English as a Second Language. With a passion for teaching both students and teachers, Shannon's goal is for classrooms to be a place where students can grow and thrive academically and emotionally. You will find that Shannon's sessions are packed with research and strategies to help you teach with joy and confidence!



Join
**STEPHANIE
STEWART**

From - Falling Into First

For her session:
EMERGENT WRITING GALORE:
INFORMATIONAL, NARRATIVE, &
OPINION

Hi there! I'm Stephanie Stewart. I have eleven years of experience teaching in the K-2 classroom.

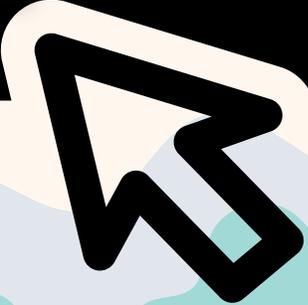
I'm a primary educator through and through!

I love creating high-interest learning experiences for students and I'm always looking for new ways to put a creative twist on the standards.



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