


An Invitation to Join our 2011 New Kindergarten Teacher Cadre!

Northwest Coalition for Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy

If you are a new kindergarten teacher (first, second, or third year) in Oregon or Washington, with a passion for excellence, a love of the arts (music, drama, dance, sign, and the visual arts) and a commitment to joyful kindergarten literacy, we invite you to become a part of our **New Kindergarten Teacher Cadre (NKTC)**, a group dedicated to nurturing YOU in your new profession.

- **Join us for three joyful, accelerated literacy summer seminars.** *You are invited to attend all three seminars, August 1-3, 2011, in Portland, Oregon for a one-time \$99 fee—a savings of over \$500. This helps defray the cost of our seminar literacy manuals, DVDs, and materials.*
- Receive new teacher literacy gifts at each of our seminars and workshops.
- Have the opportunity to **observe master Northwest kindergarten teachers** in action, and dialog about your observations.
- Enjoy special **Living Room Gatherings** with Nellie Edge to refine your teaching.

Interested? Read our [Defining Excellence in Kindergarten and Early Literacy](#) essay and [Philosophy Statement](#) and peruse the photo essays, award-winning websites, and  video clips on our website. If these capture the essence of who you want to become as a master kindergarten teacher, we invite you to join us on the journey for Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy!

- **Please write** a one-page essay on "Why I Love Teaching Kindergarten." Let this simple, reflective essay give us a glimpse of who you are as a teacher. We encourage you to use quotes and examples from our website. We would also love a photo of you with your kindergarten children. **Please submit this by Feb. 20, 2011.** We will notify you by the end of February with your acceptance into this select group of new teachers. **Our Summer 2011 seminars will be held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Portland, Oregon,** where we will be joined by amazing mentor teachers from all over the country. Enrollment is limited to 75 participants.
- We promise you an inspiring and practical experience as we share:
 - *Begin the Year with Best Practices in Joyful Kindergarten Literacy.* August 1, 2011
 - *Writing to Read in Kindergarten: Explore the Power of Kid Writing* August 2, 2011
 - *Discover the Magic of Signing Songs: Enhance All Children's Language and Literacy* August 3, 2011

Please include this Essay Title Page: "Why I Love Teaching Kindergarten"

Name _____

Home Email _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

School Phone _____

School Email _____

School Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Principal's Name _____

I am a:

first-year teacher

second-year teacher

third-year teacher

Teaching Degree _____

College _____ Year _____

Please email your essay to info@nellieedge.com or mail it to Nellie Edge Seminars, P.O. Box 92339, Salem, OR 97302 503-399-0040