


An Invitation to Join our 2011 Northwest Coalition for Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy

If you are mentoring or coaching kindergarten teachers in Oregon or Washington and you share our passion for excellence, a love of the arts (music, drama, dance, sign, and the visual arts), and a commitment to joyful kindergarten literacy that supports social and emotional intelligence, we invite you to become a part of our **Northwest Coalition for Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy**. We also encourage NBCT and bilingual educators to apply.

- **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—a savings of over \$500! This helps defray the cost of our seminar literacy manuals, DVDs, and materials.*
- 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 your beliefs about kindergarten teaching, we invite you to join us on the journey for Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy.

- **Please write a one-page essay on "Why I Love Coaching and Mentoring Kindergarten Teachers."** Let this simple, reflective essay give us a glimpse of who you are as an educator. We encourage you to use quotes and examples from our website. **We would also love a photo of you working with 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 Kindergarten Mentors, Literacy Coaches, and NBCT Kindergarten 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 Coaching and Mentoring Kindergarten Teachers"

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School Name _____

Home Email _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Address _____

Principal's Name _____

Home Phone _____

I am a Kindergarten Mentor

I am a Kindergarten Literacy Coach

School Phone _____

Last teaching degree _____

School Email _____

University _____ Year _____

I am a National Board Certified Teacher

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