

Best Practices for Accelerating Kindergarten Literacy:

High Expectations • Joyful Learning • Proven Strategies

Presented by award-winning kindergarten researcher and trainer
Nellie Edge

- **Learn Powerful, Multisensory ABC & Phonics Immersion Strategies** that Challenge and Support Diverse Learners.
- **All Children Deserve High Standards for English Language Development:** Memorable Oral Language Fuels the Curriculum.
- **Engage Parents as Partners:** Simple and Practical Ways to Multiply Your Teaching Effectiveness.
- **Teach for Fluency with Handwriting and High-Frequency Words:** Use Active Brain-Friendly Literacy™ Strategies.
- **Develop Creative Hands-On Literacy Centers to Differentiate Learning:** Children Love Authentic Reading and Writing Projects.
- **Create a Joyful Writing-to-Read Classroom:** Daily “Kid Writing” Systematically Teaches Phonics Skills and the Process of Learning to Read.
- **Begin and End the Day with Joyful Learning Rituals, Traditions, and Celebrations - Make Every Moment Count.**



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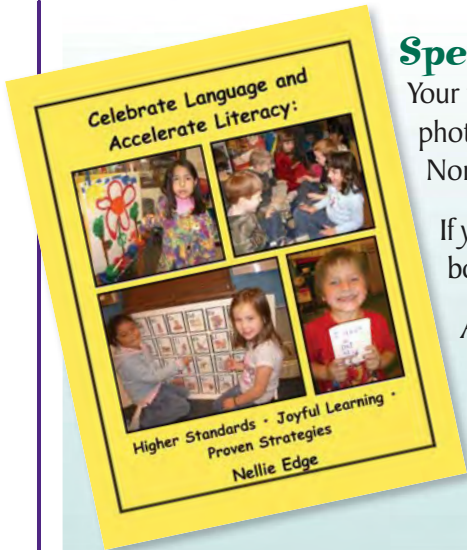
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Nellie Edge is a kindergarten teacher-researcher, literacy coach, storyteller and musician. She is a recipient of the IRA Reading Excellence through the Arts award and author of numerous early literacy manuals, videos, DVD's and audio cassettes, and children's Nellie Edge Read and Sing Big Books™, featuring favorite folk songs, poems, rhymes, and chants.

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Best Practices for Acceleration

High Expectations • Joyful Learning

Research consistently shows that highly skilled, engaging teachers can eliminate the achievement gap. What are the inspired practices these accomplished teachers use to create a sense of belonging and accelerate literacy for all children? How do we intentionally create a community of happy self-motivated children who not only learn how to read and write – but who love to read and write? Expand your repertoire of practical research-based strategies that produce extraordinary literacy gains.

- **Engage Children in Multisensory ABC and Phonics Immersion By Singing and Signing One Consistent ABC and Phonics Song Picture Book.** Foundation ABC skills need to be systematically assessed and taught in the most memorable and joyful way! Adapt these powerful strategies to any phonics program – you'll be amazed at the results.

"How children perceive themselves in the act of learning to read generalizes to their whole self-concept." -Bruno Bettelheim

- **Celebrate the Names and Lives of Our Children: With Happy Hearts We Dance and Sing and Build a Joyful Learning Community.** Honor children with name games, songs, dances and celebrations that nurture relationships, tickle the imagination and make children smile! Create the optimal climate and motivation for learning.

"Once you get the community right, the level of learning soars." -Ralph Peterson

- **Use the Extended Name Ticket Strategy for Intentional Handwriting Instruction.** Systematically develop the alphabetic principle using the most precious sound to a child – their name! Give children ownership of this goal as they become focused and disciplined learners. Have high expectations and involve parents as partners (*a special thank you to Suzie Haas for this "best practice"*).

- **Build ABC Fluency (fluency is speed and accuracy!) through Simple "Train your Brain" Exercises.** These short rehearsal strategies produce powerful results – children who can mentally retrieve and write 40 letters per minute and read, write, and decode with confidence!

- **Use "Kid Writing" Across the Curriculum: This Systematic Approach to Phonics Instruction and Reading Invites Children to Actively Use Phonics Skills Throughout the Day.** Research from "Kid Writing" classrooms demonstrates children taught in this active way excel in authentic reading tasks – and reading nonsense syllables. Use writing rubrics and phonics assessments to guide instruction.

- **Give Children Meaningful Print to Read and Reread: Make Class Books and Implement The Darla Wood-Walters Word Matching Activity.** Each child's life experiences through story-telling and drawing are honored and celebrated. They are used to develop fluency, comprehension, and motivation to read – at school and at home.



Building Kindergarten Literacy:

Learning • Proven Strategies

- **Teach Children to Verbalize Literacy Goals and Conduct Student-Led Parent Conferences.** Build intrinsic motivation for learning through positive discipline, opportunity for choices and an environment that encourages personal responsibility.

- **Awaken Children's Love of Nature and Connect Them With Fascinating Nonfiction Books.** Create compelling reasons for young researchers to read, write and draw about their world as they become rock collectors, stargazers, bird watchers, insect "experts," math and science enthusiasts. Develop higher-level thinking with rigorous curriculum and voracious vocabulary learning.

- **Create Active and Engaging Literacy Centers.** Provide authentic literacy experiences where children write, draw and create "really cool books," letters, cards and lists. Cooperative centers with differentiated goals allow children to practice their literacy skills within a supportive social context.

- **Immerse Children in Auditory Spelling, Singing and Signing of High-Frequency ("By Heart") "Words": Take Advantage of How the Brain Learns Best.** Systematically build fluency with the words young children most often write and read. You'll be amazed at how quickly children build an instant sight vocabulary with multisensory, musical and movement-based word study.

- **Memorize, Recite, and Dramatically Perform the Delightful Language of Songs, Poems, and Rhymes.** Build individual poetry "I Can Read" notebooks, providing the "gradual release of responsibility" needed for each child to build reading fluency and delight.

It is the familiarity with the English language that allows a child's decoding to be error free and reading to be fluent.

- **Create a Wonderful Class Library and a Love of Books to Build Reading Stamina.** Engage the heart of the young child through thoughtful experiences with the best books available. Develop comprehension skills and the disposition of a self-regulated reader.

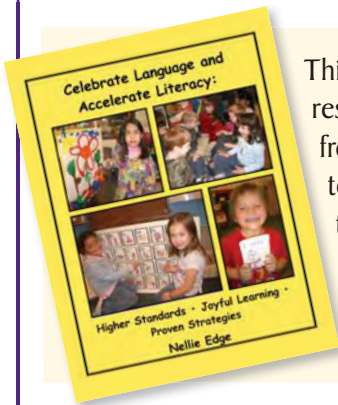
"I know well that only the rarest kind of best in anything can be good enough for the young." –Walter de la Mar, Bells of Grass

- **Establish a Nightly "Parents as Partners" Reading-at-Home Program.** Teach parents how to use simple strategies to dramatically increase the benefits of reading out-loud. Inspire a family commitment to joyful and meaningful learning activities throughout the day, throughout the year, and for generations to come.



Accelerate Literacy Through Active, Joyful Learnings:

Thank you, Northwest teachers. You will receive Nellie's beautiful new literacy manual (over 100 full-color photos!) free when you attend this seminar.



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Registration: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
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Lunch Break: Noon - 1:15 p.m.

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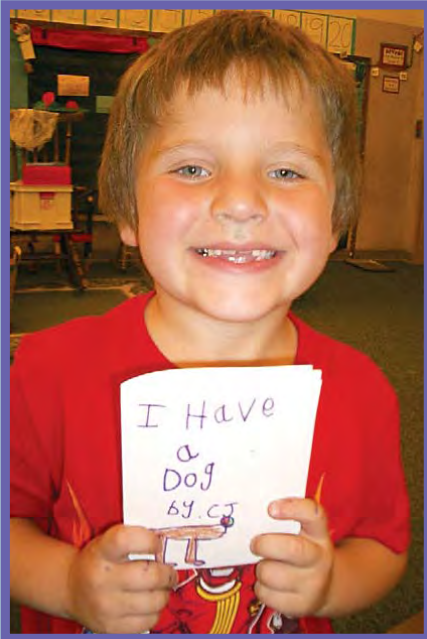
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Rekindle your love and enthusiasm for teaching kindergarten.