

Uniquely Qualified Presenter:

Julie Lay is a dynamic, playful, and highly organized mentor kindergarten teacher-researcher and trainer. Julie Lay has a passion for excellence and has received numerous awards for her joyful innovative teaching, including the *Nellie Edge Excellence in Kindergarten Literacy Award*, the *Outstanding Literacy Award from Redmond School District* and the *National Board Certification for Literacy/Language Arts*.

Julie is an advocate of using brain-friendly practices for young children. She is a natural storyteller and combines music, movement, drama, art, and sign language to make language come alive! Julie understands how developmentally appropriate practices, high literacy standards, and “parents as partners” combine to provide the best possible kindergarten experience for young children.

Julie Lay receives rave reviews for her incredible insights into teaching writing in kindergarten and her dynamic, engaging presentation style.

Your colleagues evaluate this all-day seminar:

*“Great! **Inspirational!** The simple ideas that can have such a **great impact on my student’s writing.**”*

– DEBRA WILSON, kindergarten

*“**Fabulous! 1,000 new ideas** as well as respect for what we already do.”*

– LAURIE ROTECKI, kindergarten

*“**Exactly what I was looking for!...Getting to see ‘theory’ in practice.**”*

– DEB SHAVER, kindergarten/Title I

*“**Excellent! Very informative, useful, practical and fun!**”*

– THU TRUONG, kindergarten

*“It was **real. It was quality. It was fun!** The **handbook is outstanding!**”*

– DARLA WOOD WALTERS, kindergarten, teacher trainer

*“I’ve been teaching kindergarten for 27 years and I’m **thrilled** about the numerous activities I can use from this workshop.”*

– JAN LEVY, kindergarten

Special Benefits of This Workshop:

• **Extensive Resource Handbook**

You will receive a copy of Julie Lay and Nellie Edge’s **full-color resource book**, *Writing to Read in Kindergarten: Explore the Power of “Kid Writing.”* It includes detailed descriptions with photos of how to create a joyful “writing to read” program with writing rubrics for kindergarten. Chapters include: How to get started with “Kid Writing”; ABC and phonics immersion; How to support handwriting skills; Photo essays on classroom organization; Authentic assessment; Parent as partners; and Early literacy research. This valuable resource book is currently only available as a part of the seminar.



“The resource book is beautiful – a fantastic resource so all the wonderful ideas are not forgotten.”

– LAURIE ROTECKI

- **A limited number of partial scholarships** are available for new (1st or 2nd year) kindergarten teachers and NBCT teachers and candidates, on a first-come, first-served basis. E-mail: info@nellieedge.com

Children’s art and photo displays will be featured at this workshop.

Visit www.nellieedge.com for **free** resources & video clips:

- **Writing to Read photo essays from exemplary classrooms**
- **13 FREE Read and Sing Little Book masters**
- **FREE I Can Read (Poetry) notebook pages, articles and parent letters**
- **Subscription to our newsletter**

Performance Guarantee:

We stand behind the quality of Nellie Edge seminars by providing the following performance guarantee. If you are not completely satisfied with this seminar, please write us within 10 days of the seminar date and we will refund 100% of your registration fee.

Learn how to systematically organize your writing program and your classroom environment for accelerated literacy gains and joyful learning. Julie Lay will share her kindergarten literacy program with unique insights into developing a community of learners who all perceive themselves as writers from the first day of school.

- **Discover how to use the “kid writing” approach** – easy, practical ways to implement a “writing to read” program that engages young writers.
- **Systematically plan instruction and an environment that is engaging, multi-sensory, and a delight** for the kindergarten child.
- **Learn creative ways to use sign language for classroom management** and to accelerate literacy.
- **Use writing and art across the curriculum** to enhance the science and literacy connection: pencils, paper, and imagination are all you need.
- **Make literature come alive through comprehension strategies** that take advantage of how the brain learns best.
- **Use ongoing authentic assessment** to inform your practice. Julie Lay’s **kindergarten writing rubrics** and star chart make this systematic and easy.
- **Teach high frequency (“by heart”) words** with multi-sensory strategies that build success for all learners.
- **Learn how to make usable word walls** that work in kindergarten.
- **Discover how science explorations, field trips, block play, drama, and music support the writing to read experience** in a half or full-day kindergarten.
- **Learn powerful research-based literacy strategies** that are appropriate for the kindergarten child: The Neurological Impress Method, “I Can Read” language charts, word matching, memory necklaces, buddy reading, and name tickets.
- **Explore “best practices” for developing handwriting.**
- Discover how to **engage “parents as partners”** in supporting children’s love of writing.

*“Thank you! **The best seminar I’ve been to...** with management strategies I’m going to put in place Monday. Absolutely so usable and wonderful photos to jog my memory. **The joy** – light in a **truly developmentally appropriate classroom! Super, super handbook!***

[One wish?] That we have more conferences like this!”

– TERRY YI, kindergarten