

# Kindergarten: A Celebration of the Arts

## *With Happy Hearts We Dance and Sing*

(A small Saturday “in kindergarten” workshop)

*Presented by Joanie Cutler and Nellie Edge*

- **Use Quality Literature and the Arts to Create a Love of Learning**
- **Explore Powerful Multisensory ABC and Phonics Immersion**
- **Create a Kindergarten of Bird Watchers, Star Gazers, Tree Explorers, Rock Collectors and Insect Lovers**
- **Give Children the Gift of Poetry to Memorize and Recite**
- **Understand How to Use Classical and Folk Music to Enhance Learning**
- **Enjoy Heart-Warming Rituals, Traditions and Celebrations**
- **Discover *The Magic of Signing Songs***

**Saturday, May 12, 2007 – Eugene, OR**

***Joanie Cutler’s Kindergarten – Adams / Hill Elementary School***

*Professional Development Credits and Washington Clock Hours Available*

*It is the educational arts that  
breathe life and personal meaning to the curriculum.*

*How do we honor childhood and connect young children with the natural world outside the classroom? How do we nurture a love of learning in children and their families? Come and meet Joanie Cutler who has been a mentor teacher to many of us. With her love of music, poetry, art and literature she has created a beautiful kindergarten model that nurtures creativity and literacy. **When Froebel described kindergarten as a “child’s garden,” we believe he had a teacher like Joanie Cutler – with her gentle wisdom and uniquely creative teaching – in mind.***

## **Joanie Cutler and Nellie Edge will share in this day of celebrating the arts:**

- **Participate in delightful dances, movement songs and rhythm activities.**
- **Learn how to incorporate literature and myths into a study of the stars and the cycles of nature.**
- **Discover how Joanie creates a kindergarten of **bird watchers, star gazers, plant explorers, rock collectors, insect lovers, etc.** Awaken children’s love and respect for nature.**
- **Give children the gift of poetry:** the most exquisite language we speak... Learn how to use “I Can Read” Poetry Notebooks as a part of the school and home literacy program.
- **Understand how to use classical and folk music** for listening, dancing, singing and reading.
- **Learn meaningful curriculum activities to honor the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.** by supporting acts of kindness.
- **Enjoy heart-warming rituals, traditions and celebrations for seasons and special days** that are respectful of diverse populations.
- **Learn how to involve “parents are partners” in the life of the classroom** and how to support their commitment to extending literacy and scientific explorations at home.
- **Discover how The Magic of Signing Songs enhances literacy.** Learn favorite songs for an end-of-the year performance.
- This day will be filled with **practical and joyful learning activities to remind us again – at the deepest level – of why we love teaching kindergarten.**

*“This is the kind of environment  
I’ve always wanted to create in kindergarten!”*

## Uniquely Qualified Presenters

**Joanie Cutler**, a mentor kindergarten teacher, is one of those uniquely creative educators who brings her love of the arts into everything she does. Joanie knows how to use music, drama, movement, singing, dancing, poetry, literature and the visual arts to make language and literacy come alive. She honors childhood and magically connects her children to the natural world outside the classroom. Her kindergarten is truly a “child’s garden” of joyful and meaningful learning. Joanie’s work inspires us to consider the deepest levels of why we love teaching kindergarten.

*“I think meticulously about what must be presented in the school curriculum – then I look at literature and the arts. I want to give the child a fuller picture of why we are reading and writing... For the teacher, it (the arts) is a direction and a passion to make learning beautiful for the children.”*

– JOANIE CUTLER

**Nellie Edge** is a kindergarten teacher researcher, early literacy coach, storyteller and musician. She is a recipient of the IRA Reading Excellence Through the Arts award, and founder of the Northwest Coalition for Excellence in Kindergarten and Early Literacy. Nellie Edge is the author of *Celebrate Language and Accelerate Literacy: Higher Standards • Joyful Learning • Proven Strategies*.

## Performance Guarantee

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## Special Benefits of This Workshop:

- **You will receive a beautiful full-color kindergarten handbook** honoring Joanie Cutler’s creative work. It includes text and photos of songs, dances, integrated art and science projects, thematic studies, research, and inspiration from one of Oregon’s most beautiful kindergartens. You will find parent letters, multisensory ABC and phonics immersion strategies, sign language guides, and resources for excellence in kindergarten literacy.



*This resource book is **not for sale** and only available for seminar participants.*

## Thank You Kindergarten Teachers

**\$49 for individual registration**

**Class size is limited to 20 participants.**

***Children’s art and photo displays will be featured at this workshop. Bring your camera.***

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for helpful resources**

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- ***FREE Read and Sing little book masters and poetry anthology pages***
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#### **Program Hours**

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Seminar Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Lunch Break: Noon – 1:15 p.m.

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**950 West 22nd, Eugene, OR**

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#### **University Semester Credit Option**

Semester units of up to three post-baccalaureate professional development credits available through the University of the Pacific (CA). Additional \$62 per credit fee required, payable at the seminar. Details for direct enrollment, with University of the Pacific (CA) at the seminar. Follow-up practicum projects require 15 hours per credit. Acceptable where local school districts approve and applicable to state licensure where such activities are approved. For other credit questions please call Dr. Allan Lifson at 1-800-479-1995.