

# Catching Up FIRST GRADE Students Who Have Fallen Behind



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

**Cathy Collier**

Outstanding Reading Specialist and National Presenter

**Specifically Designed for First Grade Teachers, Instructional Aides, Title I Staff, Instructional Coaches, and Administrators Who Work with First Grade Students**

**The most effective teaching strategies** to catch up your First Graders who have fallen behind

**Engaging instructional techniques and model lessons** to rapidly close the achievement gap and help students master key grade level academic skills

**Practical methods** for assessing, managing and building your First Graders' skills to prepare them for on-level instruction in all content areas

**Receive an extensive digital resource handbook** full of strategies and resources to help you catch up First Graders who have fallen behind

## LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

**January 19**

**9 AM Eastern**, 8 AM Central,  
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific

**January 25**

**9 AM Central**, 8 AM Mountain,  
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

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and take the seminar online at  
your convenience (see page 6)

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Thank you for all  
the information!"*

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

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## Who Should Attend

First Grade Teachers,  
Instructional Aides, Title I  
Staff, Instructional Coaches,  
and Administrators Who  
Work with First  
Grade Students

- 1. Help Your First Grade Students Who Have Fallen Behind to Catch Up**  
How to strengthen the learning of your First Grade students ... Expand your personal repertoire of teaching tools to help your students who have fallen behind catch up
- 2. Lessen Your First Grade Students' COVID Gap**  
Catch up your First Grade students' skill development ... Lessen the COVID gap with timesaving, easy-to-use techniques perfect for First Grade
- 3. Keep Your First Grade Students Engaged and Actively Participating**  
Explore practical strategies and teacher-friendly ideas to engage your First Grade students and to get and keep them actively participating in your lessons and learning
- 4. Provide Social and Emotional Support for First Grade Students**  
Incorporate practical strategies for supporting the social and emotional needs of First Grade students who have suffered trauma, are anxious, or simply need a little more encouragement and understanding
- 5. Help Your Reluctant First Grade Math Learners Make Strong Skill and Confidence Gains**  
Discover instructional activities and strategies for supporting your most challenging First Grade Math students ... Watch your reluctant learners' confidence and skills grow
- 6. Employ Research-Based Accelerated Learning Methods for Phonics, Phonemic Awareness and Reading Skills**  
Learn how to strengthen reading skills acquisition through proven, motivating and fun techniques ... Enhance and advance the knowledge and skills of your First Grade students who have fallen behind
- 7. Target Your Instruction to Meet the Varied Needs of Your First Grade Students**  
Ensure your students receive the focused instruction they need to make rapid learning progress ... Target your instruction to individual needs through small group instruction, learning centers, workstations, and more!
- 8. Make Thinking Visible to Accelerate First Grade Students' Academic Learning**  
Learn practical ways to make thinking visible to help students who have fallen behind to construct meaning, solve problems and communicate thinking in all academic areas
- 9. Identify Gaps in Your First Grade Students' Learning and What to Do About It**  
Explore effective, easy-to-use assessments to help you pinpoint gaps in your students' learning ... Target your instruction to help your students catch up
- 10. Receive an Extensive First Grade Digital Resource Handbook**  
Each participant will receive a comprehensive digital resource handbook full of ideas, strategies, lessons, and useful resources you can immediately use in your instruction

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Innovative, instructional strategies** to catch up your First Grade students who have fallen behind
- How to **effectively help support the social and emotional** needs of First Grade students' learning and development
- Ways to **scaffold and differentiate your instruction** to best meet the diverse needs of your First Grade students
- How to **balance between interventions and teaching new content** to prevent students from continuing to fall behind
- **Whole class lessons and valuable number sense routines** that strengthen math understanding
- Ways to **provide teacher clarity and intention** to make learning more meaningful
- Help students replace a fixed mindset with a **growth mindset**
- How to **schedule highly effective literacy and math blocks** with intentional teaching
- **Exciting, hands-on, engaging** ways to enhance your current lessons to catch up First Grade students who have fallen behind
- **Effective progress monitoring** to help guide your targeted interventions and intervene or extend based on students' needs
- **Proven ideas** for helping students catch up in literacy and math skills
- **Ideas, ideas, ideas** – rich tasks, scaffolding, models of student thinking, a wealth of organizational strategies, motivational tips, and ways to maximize the effectiveness of small group targeted instruction



*"It was a great seminar with lots of information. It is always wonderful to have things on hand where you can participate with the items you will be teaching with."*

– TERRI, FIRST GRADE TEACHER

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

Are you struggling with ways to provide targeted, engaging First Grade instruction in the face of a growing gap in your students' academic achievement due to COVID-19? Are you struggling with how to catch up First Grade students who have fallen behind? If so, you won't want to miss this seminar by outstanding First Grade teacher **Cathy Collier**. The focus of this seminar is on the most effective, innovative instructional strategies specifically for helping catch up your First Grade students who have fallen behind. Cathy's ideas are practical, innovative, and academically rich. Learn how to provide the instructional supports necessary to meet each of your First Grade students right where they are and to strengthen their progress. Discover an array of strategies for targeting your instruction to meet the varied needs of your First Grade students who have fallen behind. **Join Cathy for a day filled with the best, cutting-edge strategies and approaches for helping students who are behind in First Grade to catch up. You will leave with a multitude of rich tasks, meaningful activities and unique ideas that can be easily adapted to your own learning environment.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Cathy Collier



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**CATHY COLLIER** is an enthusiastic, engaging national presenter and author with extensive experience in teaching first grade. As a First Grade teacher and reading specialist, Cathy brings to her seminars an exceptional depth of knowledge about current practical strategies for all struggling students. Her passion for teaching emergent students and her belief that all students should be given tools, not excuses, drives her work. You will find her seminar highly interactive, energizing and exactly what you need to support your struggling First Graders. You will also receive an extensive digital resource handbook, *Catching Up FIRST GRADE Students Who Have Fallen Behind*, that Cathy developed specifically for this seminar. In addition, you will receive dozens of online resources and a free digital download packed with ready to-use materials. You will leave this seminar equipped with many new and innovative strategies you will be able to use immediately for helping your students become successful.

Dear Colleague:

I always knew I would be a teacher. What I didn't know is just how quickly the time would fly by! It is hard to imagine that I've been following my passion to teach students to read for this long, but each of the moments of success my First Grade students experienced has been, and continues to be, the greatest thrill in the world. It is that thrill that keeps me going!

As someone who works with First Graders on a daily basis, I am excited by the progress my struggling students are making, the confidence they build in themselves as readers, and the ways in which practical, explicit instruction can effectively prevent them from falling too far behind. It is my pleasure to share a wealth of ideas, tools and techniques to target and help your first graders catch up.

Throughout this fast-paced day, I will provide you with practical, efficient and effective instructional ideas that can be implemented in any instructional setting – online or in-person. We will focus on how reading, writing, and math strategies impact your First Graders' achievement.

Please join me for a high-energy day filled with practical strategies, activities, tips, and tools you will be eager to implement in your classroom. I look forward to sharing this day with you! You'll leave with numerous ideas you can use immediately.

Sincerely,

Cathy Collier

P.S. You will leave with **an extensive digital resource handbook and free downloadable materials filled with "do-it-tomorrow" ideas and strategies** to help target and significantly increase the reading achievement of your First Graders.

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Cathy Collier

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*"The **BEST seminar I have attended to in several years.** I took so much away from this and am excited to start working on all of these engaging resources with my kids!"*

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*"Cathy was excellent! I am **very motivated to get back to my classroom** to implement many of the strategies she suggested!"*

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*"**Great information** and thank you for all the information on Google that we can use tomorrow!"*

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*"Great! **Lot of interventions** to bring back to the classroom!"*

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*"Cathy was **well prepared and knowledgeable!**"*

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*"I **truly enjoyed hearing and seeing the different strategies.** I cannot wait to implement them. Thank you!"*



## About BER Seminars

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### **Extensive Digital Resource Handbook**

You'll receive an extensive digital Resource Handbook full of practical strategies and resources.

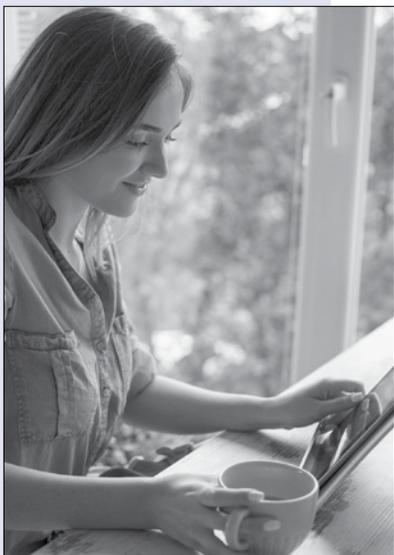
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## Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes:

- Specific tips, tools and procedures for closing the First Grade learning gap
- Ready-to-use whole or small group instructional lessons that strengthen and extend learning in all content areas
- A wealth of easy-to-implement resources to target First Graders' needs and provide intention and teacher clarity
- Opportunities to build language and vocabulary into your day
- Dozens of ready-to-use strategies and activities to catch our students from falling further behind

## Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in enhancing their First Grade program.

## Consultation Available

Cathy Collier will be available to answer your specific questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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