

Day One

Keynote • 9:00 - 9:30 am

“The B.E.S.T. Kindergarten Day Ever!” – Adam Peterson


In this inspiring Keynote session, Adam shares his process for starting your Kindergarten school year off in the B.E.S.T. way possible! From building relationships to teaching beyond your curriculum, Adam’s ideas will have your students more excited than ever to start the year and become engaged members of your classroom! As a bonus, prepare to be super inspired by Adam’s national campaign to help create kinder, brighter learning environments in all our schools, creating the ideal culture for our youngest learners.

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:40 am – 12:10 pm

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions • *One mid-morning break*

Full Morning Session • 9:40 am – 12:10 pm



A-1: Teach, Play, Learn! – Adam Peterson

 Ever feel like you’re bogged down with Kindergarten standards new curriculum manuals? Well, never fear, Adam is here! Using tried and true methods from his own Kindergarten classroom, Adam will have you laughing, moving, playing, and learning as you explore new and innovative ways to make your learning standards more fun and effective than ever before. With simple tweaks and classroom hacks to board games, card games, and more, you can have your Kindergarten students learning through play in so many ways!



First 70–Minute Morning Sessions
9:40 – 10:50 am

CHOOSE ONE: A-2 or A-3

A-2: I See Me! Award-Winning Titles of Culturally Relevant Literature – *Salandra Grice*

  How can we ensure all our Kindergarten students make meaningful connections with the literature experiences we seek to provide? During this session, teachers will explore award-winning titles suited to mirror the experiences of the diverse Kindergarteners in our classroom and offer windows into the lives of others. Discover how culturally relevant texts can be utilized to enrich reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and other essential skills for Kindergarten learners.



A-3: Even Scientists Read and Write! Integrating Kindergarten Literacy into STEM – *Linda Klotz*

  How can I fit it all in? Integration! Let’s explore great ways to integrate Kindergarten literacy skills your students need most into your STEM activities. Come and discover fun, highly engaging ways to immerse your Kindergarten students in once-a-week STEM activities that help to bridge their literacy skills and help your student catch up!



Second 70–Minute Morning Sessions
11:00 am – 12:10 pm

CHOOSE ONE: A-4 or A-5

A-4: Creating Classroom Communities Where Every Kindergartener Can Thrive! – *Salandra Grice*

  How can we make our classroom environments places where all our Kindergarten students feel a sense of belongingness? Discover the important connections between culture and positive learning environments. In this session, explore classroom-tested examples of how to create learning spaces where every student feels more welcome and included! Get ready-to-use resources for Kindergarten classroom set up, making home-school connections, and much more!

A-5: A Home Away From Home – *Linda Klotz*

  A Kindergarten classroom community and environment that accepts all learners where they are is more important than ever before. Discover new ways your classroom environment can support the social-emotional learning needs of Kindergarteners. Come learn ways to make your classroom more inviting and effective to nurture your young learners. Feel free to bring a picture of your classroom environment to share!

Lunch break • 12:10 – 1:10 pm

“Amazing and relevant conference! We so often get grouped in with other elementary grade levels, but Kindergarten is its own ball game!”

– Aubrey H. Kindergarten Teacher

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“I was completely engaged in every session!”

– Alexa Filice, Kindergarten Teacher

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 1:10 – 3:40 pm

Choose **ONE** Full Afternoon Session OR **TWO** 70-Minute Sessions
One mid-afternoon break

Full Afternoon Session • 1:10 – 3:40 pm

B-1: Math Centers: Helping Your Kindergarten Students Catch Up with Independent Practice to Increase Learning and Engagement – *Linda Klotz*


 Kindergarteners are arriving less prepared for math learning than ever before. Catching them up from day one is completely doable with effective math centers. Learn how to set up your Kindergarten classroom to best introduce math centers that are engaging and help reinforce the math skills you want your Kindergartners to learn. Math center activities that address all the math strands you teach will be shared. Leave with effective math center activities, and differentiation strategies you can use immediately to meet the math needs of all your Kindergarteners.

First 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions 1:10 – 2:20 pm

Second 70-Minute Afternoon Sessions 2:30 – 3:40 pm


CHOOSE ONE: B-2 or B-3

B-2: Reduce Misbehavior and Get Back to Teaching Kindergarten! – *Salandra Grice*

 How can Kindergarten teachers reduce interruptions due to misbehavior and spend more time teaching? During this session, you will gain insight into the unspoken messages Kindergarten students send through their behavior and utilize practical strategies that not only reduce the occurrence of misbehavior but prevent it from the start!


B-3: Whoa! What Happened to Our Kindergarten Classroom?!?!

– *Adam Peterson*


 What?! Wow! Awesome! Those are words every teacher loves to hear, right? Adam's love of teaching, combined with his creativity, had his students saying this quite often. Whether it's for a class party, book review, or to boost engagement, Adam's room flips are sure to excite even the most reluctant learners. Take a trip through a wild forest, go on a Pokémon hunt, explore a bat cave, and more in this fun learning experience.

CHOOSE ONE: B-4 or B-5

B-4: Keep That Kitchen! Incorporating Developmental Centers with Kindergarten Content Standards – *Salandra Grice*

 During the push for more rigor in the Kindergarten classroom, some important early developmental experiences have been put on the back burner. During this session, discover new ways to utilize your developmental centers to create even more opportunities for your Kindergarten students' social and academic development.

B-5: Creative Crafts for Curious Kindergarten Kids! – *Adam Peterson*

 Let's get crafty! Hands-on learning is such a powerful tool. From ELA to Math, Science to Social Studies, Adam will share some of his (and his students) favorite crafts to extend learning beyond the lessons. Take a walk through the crafts Adam creates with his students from day-to-day and you're sure to find easy ways to incorporate crafts into your own Kindergarten classroom!

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Day Two

MORNING SESSIONS • 9:00 – 11:40 am

Choose **ONE** Full Morning Session OR **TWO** 75-Minute Sessions
One mid-morning break

Full Morning Session • 9:00 – 11:40 am

C-1: Accelerating Your ELL Students' Learning in Kindergarten – *Salandra Grice*




  This interactive and engaging session is packed with dozens of practical, ready-to-use strategies proven to increase the academic success of your Kindergarten ELL students. The emphasis is on strategies and activities that really work, based on real ELL students in real classrooms. Plan to walk away with access to dozens of ELL resources ready to use in your Kindergarten classroom the very next day!

First 75-Minute Morning Sessions
9:00 – 10:15 am



Second 75-Minute Morning Sessions
10:25 – 11:40 am

CHOOSE ONE: C-2 or C-3

C-2: Digging Deeper with Close Reading ... YES, Even in Kindergarten – *Linda Klotz*


   Come and learn strategies to help your readers dig deeper with read-alouds and reading workshop time to better comprehend texts. Strategies will be shared that are developmentally appropriate for Kindergartners to help them learn new vocabulary words and deepen their understanding of fiction and non-fiction.

C-3: Model, Motivate, Write, Repeat! – *Adam Peterson*

  From tried-and-true techniques to publishing books with your students, this session has it all! Adam uses personal classroom experiences to give you all the help you need to create engaging lessons that will excite your students about writing. Through easy modeling, engaging motivational activities, and simple, creative books, your Kindergarten students will be ready to write like never before!

CHOOSE ONE: C-4 or C-5

C-4: Creating a Powerful Writer's Workshop in Kindergarten – *Linda Klotz*

 Discover NEW, fun ways to get your Kindergartners enthusiastically writing! Gain a host of age-appropriate, practical ideas for helping students meet Kindergarten literacy expectations no matter what their skill level. Take away a wealth of mini-lessons designed specifically to enhance and accelerate the skills of your Kindergarten writers.

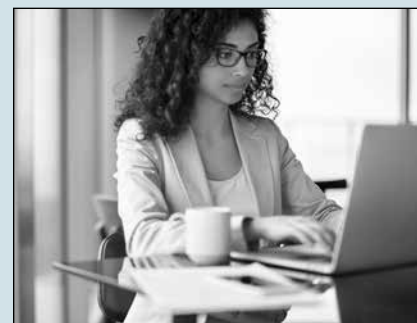
C-5: Positive Peer Partnerships – *Adam Peterson*

Creating a family-like atmosphere from day one can be one of the most powerful things you can do for your students... and you! Adam shares his tips and tricks for building more positive relationships between you and your students, you, and your students' families, and between your students and their peers. The best part? These ideas are things you can put into effect instantly with very little work on your end. Strong social skills and positive relationships can make your day-to-day routines run smoother than ever before. Get ready for some team-building fun with Adam during this interactive session!

Comprehensive Digital Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook, specifically designed for this conference. Included in the handbook are resource materials for ALL conference sessions, even those you don't attend. These materials include:

- Model lessons and activities
- Math, literacy, writing, and STEM
- Ready-to-use Kindergarten resources and materials
- The best, most current Kindergarten ideas and strategies



"I love this handbook and that I can access all materials and ideas – even from the sessions I wanted to attend but couldn't!"

– Kayla James, Kindergarten Teacher



Lunch Break • 11:40 am – 12:40 pm

"Thanks to the presenters for their expertise and willingness to share and collaborate!" 5

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Day Two


AFTERNOON SESSIONS • 12:40 – 3:20 pm

Choose **TWO** 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions
One mid-afternoon break



First 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions 12:40 -1:55 pm

CHOOSE ONE: D-1, D-2 or D-3


D-1: Vocabulary, Vocabulary, Vocabulary! Boost Your Kindergarten Students' Content Language Development – *Salandra Grice*

 Learn practical strategies to create more meaningful opportunities for your Kindergarten students, especially those learning English, to engage in learning experiences proven to increase their vocabulary development. Discover dozens of vocabulary strategies to help your Kindergarten students learn meaningful new content words that are the foundation for future learning.

D-2: The Power of YET ... Creating a Positive Growth Mindset is More Important Than Ever – *Linda Klotz*

  When students believe they can learn, even when they lack the foundational skills necessary for success, they understand their effort can accelerate them to new levels. Come and hear ways to connect with your students. Find new strategies to help your students believe in themselves and achieve new levels of learning.


D-3: Math Is More Than A Worksheet! – *Adam Peterson*

 In this session, Adam proves that math is so much more than a worksheet! Through games, music, and movement, Adam shows you how to help your students meet math standards and exceed their goals while having more fun than they ever imagined. Get out your manipulatives and get ready for math excitement!



Second 75-Minute Afternoon Sessions 2:05 – 3:20 pm

CHOOSE ONE: D-4, D-5 or D-6



D-4: We Are Family: Enhancing Relationships with Your Diverse Students and Their Families – *Salandra Grice*

 Our Kindergarten classrooms are increasingly more diverse, which often presents opportunities for us to develop our cross-cultural communication skills! Learn teacher-tested ways to improve communication and participation with your diverse students and their families. Learn practical strategies to build more positive, collaborative, and supportive relationships that help create an environment where your Kindergarteners will thrive!

D-5: Talk it Out! Build Number Sense and Teach Key Math Concepts with Number Talks and Math Discourse – *Linda Klotz*

  Discover fun and exciting ways to build number sense and introduce key math concepts to your Kindergarteners. Help your students develop key math skills vital for a sound mathematical foundation. Explore these highly practical, standards-aligned ideas that are sure to strengthen your Kindergarteners' understanding in math.

D-6: Next Generation Student Scientists – *Adam Peterson*

  Learning the science standards has never been more fun than this! With a few surprises and exciting twists to your curriculum, Adam will show you ways to make science come alive in your classroom. This session will have you and your staff working together to solve problems in ways that can be adapted for even the youngest of learners!