

GA Preschool / St. Andrew UMC  
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 Training Event  
"Better Together!"

This year's theme was inspired by the Jack Johnson lyrics '*Better When We're Together*'. Be encouraged and inspired through interaction with other teachers. Borrow some workable techniques for classroom management. Expand your repertoire of age appropriate themes and activities by sharing ideas from other teachers. Celebrate the camaraderie enjoyed on a preschool staff that enjoys fitting the pieces of a great preschool program together! Each participant may attend two of the following event presentations and earn 4 hours of BFTS staff development:

Kathy Lee      Creating Memories in Your Preschool Classroom      Sessions A & B  
This is the perfect session to start your school year. Participants will walk away challenged, encouraged, and motivated. Learn techniques for improving communication and modifying the sensory input in your environment. Be prepared to take a walk down memory lane! Be inspired to make your preschool program memorable.  
All teachers / directors

Kim Reignier      Flexible Feisty, and Fearful - Temperaments of Young Children      Session A  
Learn the 9 temperamental traits & strategies for dealing with three main temperament styles in the classroom setting. You might just learn a little about yourself, too.  
Teachers of Toddlers/All teachers

Kim Reignier      Beware I Bite!      Session B  
Why do these cute little children with dimples and curls suddenly turn into ferocious pit bulls? Learn what to do when Dracula strikes in your classroom. ECE-4  
Teachers of toddlers /directors

Maria Abercrombie      Everyday Math      Sessions A & B  
There is so much more to everyday preschool math than numbers and sums; it's an important language which helps us describe, explore and explain the world we live in. This course will include how to meet learning standards for math by introducing concepts such as money, time and measurement, problem solving skills, and analytical skills. As a bonus, see how these skills overlap with Science Activities.  
Teachers of 3's & 4's

Pat Leonard      A Bag Of Tricks For The New Teacher      Session A  
Learn great ideas for beginning the year including parent/teacher communication tips, optimal room arrangement, and scheduling. This active, fun-filled session includes stories, music and movement ideas, and many other circle time activities. Leave this session feeling confident and ready to begin a wonderful journey with preschoolers.  
New Teachers, all ages

Pat Leonard      The Scoop On Learning Centers      Session B  
Collect ideas for dozens of child friendly centers. Reinforce basic skills with centers for math, science, alphabet and language. See designs for unit related centers, and activities to be used as follow up to books and stories. All centers have been "kid tested", are age appropriate for the preschool child, and are easy to make and implement.  
All Teachers

Persis Bristol      Slap+snap! Communication before Speech      Sessions A & B  
Parents and early childhood teachers are learning about the benefits of signing with the children. This workshop is designed to educate teachers on the benefits of using American Sign Language and teach the basics for use in the center environment with songs and activities.  
Teachers of children 18 mo. - 3 yrs.

Bev Galeza      Making Sense of Sensory Problems

Session A & B

Learn to identify behaviors that stem from sensory integration issues and practice techniques that can help you alleviate resulting classroom problems. Bev is an early intervention specialist with the Cobb Co. Schools and is back this year with even more fun ideas to share. She is a veteran at helping preschool teachers be successful with special needs students.  
Teachers of All Ages

Carol Burkhardt - 'Slow Obedience is No Obedience'

Sessions A & B

How do the W.O.W. teachers manage their classrooms without ever nagging, scolding, or punishing? Learn to avoid these traps! The secret is planning, organization, understanding children, and effective control techniques. Learning to follow directions is really learning to be obedient. Methods of teaching obedience, handling the defiant child, and developing a positive relationship with a child are all skills you need.  
Teachers of All Ages

Judy Short      Oodles of Art

Session A

This creative & fun Art Workshop introduces "oodles" of creative new art materials, including BioColor, Foam Paint, Air Dry Putty, Liquid Watercolor and other unique paints & collage materials. Includes a group discussion on "How the Arts Help Children Grow," an instructor demo of exciting new art materials and time for you to experiment on your own. Whether you're an Art Specialist or "artistically challenged", you'll have fun, get inspired, and take home lots of new ideas.  
Teachers of all ages

Judy Short      Play Power

Session B

Get ready, get set and have fun as you join in cooperative group games and learn how to provide physical education for all children with little or no equipment. Discover the power of play in building the foundation for children's learning.  
Movement Teachers/All

Danny Darby      Classroom Management, Prevention is the Key

Sessions A & B

There are no simple answers, or one best way to manage a classroom. The most successful programs for children are ones that focus on the children themselves. Children need to be actively engaged and involved in developmentally appropriate activities that interest them. Children need a stress free environment with teachers that enjoy what they are doing. In this workshop we will discuss Environment, Instruction, and Behavior. We will look at the reasons children do what they do in a classroom. We will discuss realistic classroom rules, play games, sing songs, listen to stories and leave with pointers, tips, and strategies for effective classroom management.

All teachers

Marcie Millholland      'F-U-N with the ABC's'

Sessions A & B

Twenty-six (and more!!) ideas for having fun with the ABC's all year long! This workshop will include tips, techniques, and "try-its" to help you get from A to Z, apples to zebras, in new and exciting ways. These ideas will be quick and engaging ways to add to your everyday lessons!! Bring your notepads and cameras and prepare to have F-U-N!!  
Teachers of 3's and 4's

Check-in begins at 8:30. Pick up class information at any entrance and go directly to your 1<sup>st</sup> class.  
Bring a Camera to use after the session to help you remember special project ideas!

The registration fee includes LUNCH for participants.  
Our schedule includes 2 sessions: 9 - 11:00 and 11:30 - 1:30 for 4 hours of BFTS credit  
Please carpool!      Parking is limited!      DO NOT bring children.  
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