

**FKC Conference Presenters
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*******More Presenters To Be Announced*******

Title: The Daily Routine: Using Phonemic Awareness, Dictation and Handwriting to Support Early Reading Instruction
Nancy Alfonso, Rowland Reading Foundation

Welcome to the Daily Routine! This quick, organized routine supports early reading instruction through: Daily Phonemic Awareness, Daily Dictation and Daily Handwriting. This multi-modal progression (“hear it, see it, say it, and write it”) in a concise daily routine helps children develop critical skills and provides the teacher with instant daily assessment.

Title: What We Know About Early Literacy: How Contemporary Research and Brain-based Instructional Models Can Inform Our Teaching in pre K-1
Nancy Alfonso, Rowland Reading Foundation

There IS consensus on how to best teach reading! In this informative and practical session, we will explore:

- What research says about the critical components of beginning reading instruction;
- How the science of brain imaging is providing new insights into beginning reading;
- How research translates into best practices.

Title: “Silence is Golden”
Shannon Dolan and Nancy Williams, Weiss School

In this informative and fun “hands-on” workshop, you will learn how to communicate silently with your students through basic American Sign Language. The skills are simple, and you will walk away with enough technique to incorporate your new skills in class on Monday. From PreK 3 to 6th grade, your children will (quietly) love it!

Title: “Special Events for Early Childhood Programs”
Peggy Shields and Gail Fulwood, All Saints Academy

Join us for a visual presentation of exciting fun-filled ideas to boost parent involvement in your Early Childhood Program. Some monthly activities include: Father’s Day Olympics, Thanksgiving Hoe Down, Big Truck Day, Easter Parade, etc.

Title: “Peace Poems”
Steffani H. Gilligan, J. Allen Axson Montessori School

Peace and poetry compliment each other nicely in this interactive session. Teachers will become active participants as we blend the concept of peace and many other forms of poetry for the elementary child. Teachers will learn by doing! Bring a writing journal and be prepared to have fun.

Title: “Early Warning Signs of Neurobiological Disorders”
Dr. Evan Schermer, Gersh Educational Development

Learn early identification signs; assess skill deficits, interventions and best practices that allow students the opportunity to reach their full potential. This workshop will help you guide and support the student and his/her family.

Title: How to Integrate Montessori Concepts in a Traditional Classroom
Lois Weber, Carrollton School

Have fun while learning how to use many interesting Montessori math and language materials in a traditional program.

Title: Lights, Camera, Action!
Nancy Gall, The Weiss School

Create exciting interactive music lessons integrating technology with the arts curriculum. Use SMART Boards, computers, camera, and pod casting to enhance lessons and unleash student creativity.

Showing Your Smarts: Creating innovative Lessons with the Smart Board
Sara Phelps, Terry Gitler, Pauleen Walsh, Nancy Gall, The Weiss School

Come join the fun! Participate in this hands on learning session and see how to create colorful and interactive lessons. Suitable for all ages and subjects. Topics will include basic SMART Board operations, Senteo remote control quiz making and audio visual integration.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

“Preserving Childhood is Merely a Hop, Skip and a Jump Away!”

Dr. Rosemary Daniels is the Head of School at The Weiss School, a school for students needing gifted services in Palm Beach Gardens. A keynote speaker much in demand, Dr. Daniels’ accolades include; The William T. Dwyer Award for Excellence in Education, The Gifted Teacher of the Year, The Florida Atlantic University Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching and a past president for The Florida Association for the Gifted. As an expert in the area of gifted education, she finds her greatest challenge to be maintaining a balance between “preserving childhood” and academic acceleration. She presently holds the Hoagies Gifted Administrator of the Year Award in recognition of outstanding service to serving the needs of gifted children. Dr. Daniels is honored to share her ideas and expertise with us at the Florida Kindergarten Council Conference.

Has the term “Let kids be kids” become obsolete in our schools? “Preserving childhood” for early childhood educators can feel like a fantasy when faced with today’s obstacles. This keynote address includes a cast of characters that are no strangers to your classroom. Let The Weiss School early education teachers transform you to your classroom where students such as; Helen Helicopter, Ann Doris Hailey Day – ADHD for short, Mary Mammoth Mouth and Bully Boy Bill await you. Through song, skit and dance, your worse classroom nightmares come true! So sit back and relax as School Mom Sally reaches into her teacher’s bag of tricks helping you to realize that ***“Preserving Childhood is Merely a Hop, Skip and a Jump Away!”***

The FKC Evaluation Process

Participants will be given guidelines and suggestions for preparing for an accreditation or re-accreditation visit. Required documentation and specific expectations will be reviewed. A must-attend for schools in the process this year and next.