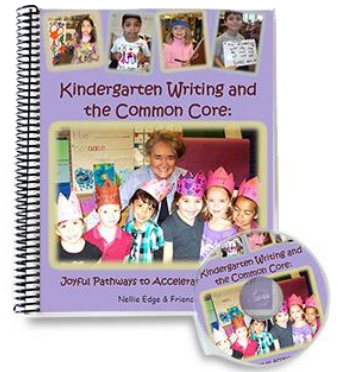


## 7 Keys to Optimal Kindergarten Teaching and Learning

- **Bond with each child and create a joyful community** where children learn to work hard and be kind. Make school a celebrative place.
- **Use multisensory teaching rich in music and the arts:** Address auditory/kinesthetic/visual modalities with emotionally-engaging instruction.
- **Provide a gradual release of responsibility** instructional model and authentic meaning-centered teaching with learning strategies and excellent demonstrations of the learning process.
- **Give students and families crystal-clear learning targets** that they can see, articulate, and work towards. Children **MUST** take **OWNERSHIP** of the learning process and set personal goals. (This means much closer teaching, coaching, and assessing than we used to think was necessary!)
- **Create an environment that promotes a growth mindset** with specific, intentional feedback. Teach children how to build their reading and writing brain.
- **Differentiated learning.** Provide challenge for more proficient writers and build a scaffold of success for harder-to-accelerate learners within the same motivating experiences. Acknowledge individual accomplishments.
- **Fall in love with assessment** to raise the level of teaching and learning!



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