

Grow Your Kindergarten Writers: Foundational Strategies for Building the Reading and Writing Brain

Nellie Edge Online Seminars with Study Group Collaboration
(with WA clock hour documentation)



Participants will learn how to:

- Use multisensory ABC phonics immersion with fingerspelling
- Involve Parents as Partners to multiply student learning
- Use kindergarten-friendly handwriting strategies, beginning with their students' names
- Weave handwriting into authentic writing lessons
- Teach high-frequency "heart words" with expert multisensory lessons
- Give children crystal-clear learning targets and celebrate mastery
- Connect instruction with ELA Common Core Writing Standards

Content - What participants will be able to do as a result of this class:

- Provide *ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, & Read!* lessons and assess for 3 levels of ABC Phonics mastery
- Provide integrated handwriting lessons
- Accelerate mastery of high-frequency sight words
- Differentiate learning for a diverse student population
- Use formative assessments to plan instruction
- Give children and parents crystal-clear learning targets
- Understand how writing teaches early reading skills
- Articulate "growth mindset" and "visible learning" research that supports these authentic, meaning-centered literacy strategies

How will your assessment methods show you that the participants have learned and can apply the content?

- Seminar Power Guide (and ability to review portions of the Online Seminars) will provide needed reinforcement and support for implementation.
- Participants will each define specific practicum projects that will allow them to make these practices routine in their classrooms.
- Teachers will participate in ongoing dialog with their study group leader.


- Teachers may post questions on the Nellie Edge Online Seminars forum, and Nellie Edge will respond.

How will you, as the instructor, know that the objectives of this class have been met?

- Students of this course will review their self-assessment guidelines for each Nellie Edge Online Seminar in collaboration with instructor.
- Students will actively participate in ongoing weekly study group meetings (Professional Learning Community time).
- Students will fill out course evaluation and goals statement to provide instructor feedback.

Nellie Edge Online Seminars were designed by accomplished kindergarten teachers to provide quality, affordable research-based strategies for kindergarten professional development. Each step-by-step master class features a proven and documented approach to grow kindergarten writers.

Nellie Edge Online Seminar #2
Kindergarten-Friendly Handwriting Matters!



If handwriting motions are not efficient, it interferes with the whole writing process.
Our goal is for letter formation to be fluid and automatic.

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