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B.Ed, elementary education
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Presentation and Workshop Topics

Preschool STEM; Learning in any classroom

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math can intimidate a lot of early childhood educators but it doesn't have to. STEM learning is as natural for young children as curiosity. This presentation addresses teacher pain points and how to overcome them to be an effective and confident STEM educator.

Early Literacy; How to meet expectations with a playful approach.

The high-stakes educational environment has trickled down to preschool, but that doesn't mean teachers must throw play out the window. This presentation will empower teachers to create a strong early literacy foundation for every student using a developmentally appropriate playful approach.

Peaceful Classrooms; Create a classroom where everyone thrives.

As author Brene Brown puts it, "We're hardwired for connection." When classrooms are struggling, that is the missing piece. In this presentation, we will discuss the big and little ways to build connections with our students to create a peaceful preschool classroom.

Successful Circle Time; Make group lessons painless for everyone.

Group time is a struggle for many teachers in early childhood classrooms, but with the right expectations and routines, it doesn't have to be. In this workshop, we will explore what we need to do to create successful group lessons that are developmentally appropriate for young students.

Ages & Stages; How educators can support developing milestones.

The CDC updated early childhood milestones in 2022 - this workshop goes over why and how community educators can help babies, toddlers, and preschoolers meet the milestones with intentional program features and activities.

Parent Workshop; How to use play at home to support learning

This is a workshop for parents that focuses on the importance of play and simple playful learning at home. It empowers parents to use simple ideas to support learning and encourages them to play more and worry less.

Please note that many of these topics can be presented as a keynote or an interactive workshop. If you have a topic in mind and don't see it, let's chat!

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"I feel like a better teacher already."

"I really didn't think I cared about STEM, but now I can't wait to teach it."

"Your presentation was so informative that even after all these years it inspired and motivated me to make changes."

"I feel like a better teacher already."

"Thank you for breaking down a huge topic into easy bite size things I can do every day."

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speaker information

I love to teach. I love to teach sitting on the rug in my Pre-kindergarten classroom, and I love to teach standing at a podium in heels. Whether it is a group of 4 and 5-year-olds or early childhood educators, my love of this profession comes through.

select speaking engagements

- Arapahoe Library District annual Early Literacy Speaker Event.
- Now4Forever Conference
- Scholastic Reading Summit
- OAEYC Regional Conference - Keynote
- The Educator Summit
- Soar To Success Summit
- edWeb Speaker Series

publications

- Raising A Rock-Star Reader (Scholastic)
- Setting The Stage For Rock-Star Readers (Scholastic)
- Everyday Preschool (self-published)

education and classroom experience

- BA University of Calgary
- B.Ed Elementary Education - Lakehead University
- M.S Early Childhood and Family Development - Missouri State University

Thesis: Kindergarten Teacher Self-Perceived Autonomy In High and Low-Income Environments

- Preschool teacher (presently PreKindergarten)
- Center Director
- Curriculum Developer
- Early Literacy Tutor
- Founder and Writer of popular early childhood education website notimeforflashcards.com

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