Northwest REGIONAL LEARNING Consortium

NR.IF20.037LIT Joyful Literacy Mini Summit

PRESENTED BY

Dr. Janet Mort, Chelsea and Nathan Reist , Darci Dheensaw & Christy Fennell

SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
January 15, 2020	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
January 16, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION

Sawridge Inn & Conference Center Peace River - 9510-100St

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$250.00

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Program

Dr. Janet Mort will be joined by three of the Joyful Literacy Team for a two day workshop retreat that will provide you with the step-by step process for achieving literacy success with your Grade K-3 children. The Joyful Literacy Intervention has been implemented in many BC and Alberta classrooms and the data is indisputable. This intervention has worked in multiracial classrooms embedded in a play-based environment.

You will leave with a focused and cohesive classroom intervention plan and hundreds of practical play-based strategies that feature:

- Integrated inquiry based activities;
- Games and activities for mastering alphabet and sight word skills,
- a variety of practice centres for independent activities;
- fun poetry-based fluency development lessons;
- phonological teaching strategies;
- a simple but powerful screening, assessment and tracking tool; and
- samples of effective literacy-based daily schedules.

Presentations will be a mixture of keynotes, workshops and panels for Grades K to 8.

Presenters

Dr. Janet Mort

Dr. Janet Mort has created a powerful intervention system for primary grades. Instead of retiring she returned to university to determine how to help struggling young learners achieve literacy success. She systematically analyzed the prevailing Early Learning research; designed a strategy to apply the research in primary classrooms; and created an innovative assessment and tracking tool. Since then she has worked with over 100 teachers to apply the system in their classrooms. She has documented the research and her system in two new books – Joyful Literacy Interventions and Putting on the Blitz. The results have been outstanding: The goal was to begin applying the system in kindergarten with the goal of ensuring that vulnerable children reach grade level in literacy by the end of grade three. Hard data demonstrates that teachers are succeeding in achieving that goal in very vulnerable multi-racial classrooms where success rates had been historically low. Janet's system features a play-based environment where skills are embedded in practice activities in centers and each child's progress is tracked skill by skill.

Chelsea and Nathan Reist

Chelsea and Nathan Reist are a brother/sister teaching team in two kindergarten classes in the Mission School District (BC). They have been implementing the *Joyful Literacy* framework for the past two years in a play-based, theme-based approach to Foundational Skills. They will be working primarily with Janet and the K to 3 teachers. They are fun, dynamic and inspired in their approaches to early learning.

Darci Dheensaw

Darci Dheensaw has been a key part of the Lauwelnew Tribal School primary staff which has implemented the *Joyful Literacy* framework with great success grades K to 5. She is an expert in building practice centres and assessing, tracking foundational skills, blitzing and creating playful environments. She has been teaching in this indigenous school for 31 years. Only since the implementation of Joyful Literacy has she seen this level of success in the primary classrooms (from a 40% success rate to an 85% success rate).

Christy Fennell

Christy Fennell is Assistant Superintendent in Peace River South School District (BC). She has played a key role in implementing the Joyful Literacy Framework system-wide in her district with great success. Five years ago only 49% of grade four students in her district were reading at grade level; now 85% are reading at grade level. Christy will be working primarily with teachers in grades 4 to 8.

Registration Notes

Please note that registration and coffee begins at 8:30AM

The session starts at 9:00AM