

Metro North (Burnaby/Vancouver) Start UP! Series 2015

Primary Full Day Workshop Descriptions:

Register at bit.ly/startupreg

Monday August 31st -

The Learning Environment in K/1 –

Fiona Morrison –

Children's learning thrives when they are in environments where learning occurs in meaningful contexts and they are encouraged to follow personal interests. During the morning, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the learning environment as a third teacher, capable of provoking wonder, curiosity and intellectual engagement. Participants will also explore various aspects of the curriculum where materials will be arranged as "invitations" that encourage playful inquiry and help children articulate their questions and make sense of their discoveries.

During the afternoon, we will use puppets and authentic Aboriginal texts to explore storytelling as a powerful learning tool. We will be guided and informed by First peoples Principles of learning.

A wide range of Aboriginal Resources, helpful lesson plans and websites will be shared.

Tuesday September 1st

**Components of a Joyful Early Literacy Program: Every Child Every Day for K-1
Jennifer King and Fiona Morrison- Watch online at bit.ly/startupreg**

In this **full day session**, participants will examine the "what "why "and "how " of a joyful balanced literacy program.

Meaningful circle/opening activities, Morning Message, Interactive writing, and Shared reading will all be explored.

A segment on "Thinking Together About Books" will provide participants with 10 interactive read alouds to start off their year with excitement and joy. We will focus on starting up your writing program in developmentally appropriate ways and share some wonderful word wall activities. Establishing engaging literacy centres that provide authentic literacy experiences will be a focus.

We will look at small group reading instruction – what is appropriate and when, sharing tips on establishing a cozy classroom library that engages all learners.

Surrey Metro South Series

Saturday September 12th

CREATING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING AND CARE FOR K-3 TEACHERS

With Tamara Sengotta

In this full day session, we will explore and learn strategies for establishing a community of happy, reflective learners.

Explore how to:

- use your classroom space to its best advantage
- set expectations for learning, happiness and communication
- use classroom management technics that foster community and promote student leadership
- create a positive learning cycle that allows for play, discussion, reflection and individualized student learning
- You will leave with:
- a tool kit of strategies
- a week of lesson plans that touch on all curricular areas
- an understanding of how to make the most of transitions and scheduling
- a deeper understanding of how care and play are an integral part of learning

Check the overall schedule to see the next workshops.

Not all workshops will be webcast.