

The Kindergarten Chronicles

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Have You Heard the News?

Dr. Jean Feldman is coming to town on September 26, 2015! RPDP will be holding a conference, Active Learning Adventures, and kindergarten teachers are invited. For over 40 years, Dr. Jean has positively impacted early education through her roles as a classroom teacher, author, song publisher, and consultant. Click [here](#) to visit Dr. Jean's website and blog where you will find great teaching resources. At the conference, Dr. Jean will share how to apply both reading and brain research in a meaningful way when teaching the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS). Her goal is to make it planful, playful, and purposeful. Teachers will leave Dr. Jean's three hour session with "a smile on their faces, a song in their hearts, and lots of great projects in their hands." During the other part of the day, participants will attend different breakout sessions taught by CCSD kindergarten teachers. See the box on the right for a list of breakout session topics. Seating is limited, so register early. We hope you'll join us for an engaging day filled with collaboration and learning!

Breakout Sessions

- The 2Cs - Counting and Cardinality
- Plusses and Minuses - Early Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- May the Force Be With You - Teaching Kindergarteners About Pushes and Pulls
- A Told B and B Told C, I'll Teach You About the Weather, Climate, and How it Affects Me!
- Getting to the CORE of Writing in Kindergarten
- Purposeful Student Discourse - Strategies for NEPF #3
- Informational Text and Young Learners
- Getting to Know Your English Learners
- Making the Leap - Transitioning from Half-Day to Full-Day K
- Parent Involvement and Family Engagement
- Making the Most of Small Classroom Spaces
- Getting a Grip on Classroom Management

Active Learning Adventures Conference

Who: Pre-K, Special K, & K Teachers / School Librarians / Strategists / Coaches

When: Saturday, September 26, 2015 **Time:** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Alexis Park Resort (375 E. Harmon, Las Vegas, NV 89109)

Cost: \$20 if registered by 9/15/15 and \$25 if registered after 9/15/15.



Click [here](#) for the flyer.
Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Brain Break Ideas

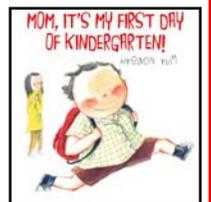


High Fives - Students give high fives to five different people. This allows them to walk around and make new friends in the process.

Alphabet Jumps - Each student places a magnetic letter on the floor and jumps over it a designated number of times. This allows for a quick movement break and reinforces counting. Students can also practice reciting their ABCs as they jump.

Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!

It's a child's first day of kindergarten, but who is worried about all the new people he'll meet--the child? No! The mother. In a refreshing reversal of roles, the child takes it upon himself to comfort and reassure his mother that everything will be fine, she'll get used to him going to big-kid school, and yes, he is ready for the first day of kindergarten. The author, Hyewon Yum, playfully uses size and color to reveal emotions in this charming story. This is a great read aloud for the beginning of school. You can also make it your very LAST read aloud on the last day of school. You can talk about all that you did and learned during the school year to bring the story full circle.



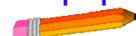
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