



Are you expected to teach your students to read but you're not sure how or where to start? Using research-based and current best practices in literacy, our panel of specialists will show you how it's done. Our panel includes published authors and Reading Recovery © experts who have trained teachers in literacy best practices across the country. Discover the secrets to reading success that will help your students achieve more than ever before!

## **General Information**

### **Location**

The Camp Literacy Conference will be held at the Southfork Hotel in Plano, Texas. The hotel is conveniently located on US 75 in Plano, just north of Dallas.

### **Hotel**

We have secured a special rate of \$99 per room at the Southfork Hotel in Plano. Please call 877-386-4383 to reserve your room at the conference rate before July 1, 2010.

### **Lunch**

To keep your costs down lunch will be on your own. There are many restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the hotel as well as a hotel restaurant on site.

### **Exhibits**

Exhibits will feature carefully selected books that support our presentations. These titles are based on the research and best practices that will help you become a literacy expert.

### **Door Prizes**

Our door prizes will feature literacy tools that you will be able to use in your classroom.

### **Complimentary**

Each participant will receive a complimentary tote bag upon arrival at the conference.

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## Schedule

7:30-8:00	Registration, Exhibits
8:00-9:15	Breakout Session 1
9:30-10:45	Breakout Session 2
11:00-12:15	Breakout Session 3
12:15-1:15	Lunch/Exhibits
1:15-2:30	Breakout Session 4
2:45-4:00	Breakout Session 5

## Meet the Heart for Teaching Team



**Sharon Hull**

Sharon Hull is currently an independent literacy consultant, she also does staff development for Heinemann in their Fountas and Pinnell division as well as Teacher Created Materials in the Shell Education division. Previously Sharon was the Elementary Language Arts Coordinator for a large, Dallas area public school district. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Southern Methodist University, with her graduate work done at Texas Women's University. During her 30 years in education Sharon served as a classroom teacher, an early literacy coach, a Reading Recovery teacher, and an Instructional Dean for grades K-5 at a large bilingual campus.



**Cathy J. Bridges**

Cathy J. Bridges has worked in the field of education for over 25 years. She has worked for a large Dallas area school district as a primary and ESL one-way dual language teacher, ESL instructional facilitator and is currently an Elementary Language Arts Specialist. Before moving to Texas she taught for 10 years in New York City. Cathy holds a Bachelors and Masters degree from Brooklyn College. She coaches and trains classroom teachers as well as principals, creates curriculum and has presented at NCTE.

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**Vanessa Levin**

An early childhood educator for 19 years, Vanessa's passion for teaching has spanned two continents and three states. She has taught young children in a variety of settings including private school, public school, and Head Start. Most recently Vanessa served as an Early Childhood Specialist for a large, Dallas area public school district where she mentored and coached Pre-K teachers in literacy best practices. Vanessa may be best known both nationally and internationally for her outstanding website for early childhood educators, Pre-K Pages.



**Gracie Smith**

Gracie Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida, and graduate work from Texas Women's University. Gracie is certified in grades K-3 and 1-8. She has taught in a large, Dallas area public school district for 21 years as a first grade teacher, Reading Recovery teacher, and is currently an Instructional Facilitator. Gracie trains and prepares teachers K-5 for literacy instruction, classroom organization, and classroom management.

## Session Descriptions

<p><b>Reading Workshop</b> <b>PK-1</b> Sharon Hull</p>	<p>Implement reading workshop in your classroom and watch your students soar to success. Learn how to build the critical foundation of early reading skills your students need to become fluent readers by following these easy steps.</p>
<p><b>Writing Workshop</b> <b>PK-1</b> Sharon Hull</p>	<p>Learn how to use the writing workshop format to help your students become independent writers. Discover how to teach writing in a meaningful and sequential way that meets the needs of all students. Let us show you how to put the pieces of the writing puzzle together correctly and your students will learn to love writing as much as recess!</p>
<p><b>Guided Reading</b> <b>Basics</b> <b>PK-1</b> Cathy Bridges</p>	<p>Have you heard the term "guided reading" ? Are you unsure about what guided reading is all about or do you know a little and want to know more? In this session you will learn all the basics--what it is, when it is used, where it is done, who is involved, why it is important, and how to do it.</p>
<p><b>Word Wall</b> <b>PK-1</b> Cathy Bridges</p>	<p>Word what?!? Discover the many benefits of using a word wall in your PK-1 classroom. Get the most out of your word wall by using it daily to build word knowledge and vocabulary. Learn how to use the word wall to teach everything from beginning sounds, onset-rime, syllables, sight words, and much more.</p>
<p><b>Interactive Writing</b> <b>PK-1</b> Gracie Smith</p>	<p>Are you struggling with teaching the complex process of writing with PreK-1<sup>st</sup> students? Then this session is for you. Not only will you learn what Interactive Writing is and it's purpose, but how it works, how to group students, and the power behind this accelerative process.</p>
<p><b>Guided Reading</b> <b>Advanced</b> <b>PK-1</b> Gracie Smith</p>	<p>If you have the basics of Guided Reading in your tool belt, this session will provide you with what you need to "kick it up a notch." Deepen your understanding of Guided Reading, how to make strategic decisions for strategy prompts for decoding and problem</p>

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	solving in text, and more, all of which will be appropriate for Pre-K, K, and First Grade readers.
<b>Using Songs &amp; Poetry to Motivate Readers</b> <b>PK-1</b> Gracie Smith Vanessa Levin	Learn how to harness the power of poetry and songs to expand children's oral language abilities, develop phonological awareness, and teach the conventions of print. These fun, interactive, and meaningful activities will motivate your students and accelerate the literacy process.
<b>Little Kids CAN...Read!</b> <b>PK/K</b> Vanessa Levin www.pre-kpages.com	It's true, when provided with a strong foundation of essential early literacy skills students in pre-k and kindergarten can not only learn to read simple words, but also successfully engage in guided reading. Learn how to put the pieces of the literacy puzzle together properly so your students will leave your classroom not only reading but loving every minute of it!
<b>Sight Word Tips &amp; Tricks</b> <b>K-1</b> Vanessa Levin www.pre-kpages.com	Learn how to use research based strategies and tools that will engage and motivate your students to achieve more. Your students can learn more sight words than you ever thought possible with these teacher friendly, fun, and interactive ideas.
<b>Shared Reading &amp; Shared Writing</b> Sharon Hull Cathy Bridges	Shared reading and writing are fun ways to invite your children into the literacy community you strive to build each year. Discover how to use it teach your students early reading behaviors such as phonemic awareness, vocabulary, punctuation, grammar, handwriting and more.

## 1. Complete your registration information

Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:	
School Name:		
School Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

<b>POSITION:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Title 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Librarian <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Service Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Educator  <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator <input type="checkbox"/> Paraprofessional <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Coach/Interventionist	<b>GRADE (if applicable):</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K  <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten  <input type="checkbox"/> First Grade
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## 2. Choose your sessions: *Sessions are assigned in the order of preference 1st-10th. Every effort is made to assign preferred sessions.. Register early to guarantee session preferences, space is limited.*

Rank	Session title	Rank	Session title
	Reading Workshop		Using Songs & Poetry to Motivate Readers
	Writing Workshop		Little Kids CAN...Read!
	Guided Reading Basics		Sight Words Tips & Tricks
	Advanced Guided Reading		Shared Reading & Writing
	Interactive Writing		Word Wall

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### Payment Information

<b>3. Submit payment information with this form:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Early Registration</b> \$149 before 7/1/10	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Registration</b> \$169 after 7/1/10
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>10% Discount</b> for groups of <b>5 or more</b> participants from same campus or organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to Pre-K Pages) *checks returned for insufficient funds are subject to a \$35 processing fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order (copy of purchase order must be included)
<b>4. Send in your registration if paying by check or purchase order:</b>	
<b>Mail:</b> Pre-K Pages 9720 Coit Rd. Suite 220-186 Plano, TX 75025-5833 OR <b>Fax:</b> 214-200-0624	

Registration is considered complete when this form and payment are received. Full payment must accompany each registration form. Registrations cannot be processed without full payment. A separate registration form must be submitted for each conferee. Conference tuition is non-refundable but may be transferred to another participant with advance notice.

If you prefer to pay with a credit card or Paypal on-line you can find the on-line registration and additional information at: <http://www.pre-kpages.com/registration/>