

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

ANNUAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Tuesday – November 4, 2008 St. Demetrios High School, Astoria, NY

PRESENTER	WORKSHOPS #1 (9:00-10:45 a.m.)	WORKSHOP #2 (11:00-12:45 p.m.)
GRADES: Pre-K - K	Guiding Young Children's Behavior in the Early Childhood Classroom	Strategies for Teaching Young Children
Dr. Patricia A. Vardin Chai,r Early Childhood Education Manhattanville College	In this workshop, teachers will explore methods of guiding young children's social interaction in the classroom as well as specific ways to deal with children's challenging behavior. Ways to foster self-regulation and pro-social behavior will also be addressed. The workshop will include video clips, case studies, and small group interaction.	The focus of this presentation will be on examining a variety of teaching and learning strategies that teachers can use in the early childhood classroom. The presentation will include video clips and group discussion.

GRADES: Pre-K - 2

Dr. Smita Guha School of Education St. John's University

Playful Science Activities for Young Children

Children learn by doing. Hands-on approach towards science activities could facilitate in children's learning process. This workshop will present several science activities with household materials that children could perform with minimal guidance from teachers.

Mathematics Everywhere

This workshop is about mathematics that exists everywhere and in our learning environment. The presenter will engage the teachers in hands-on activities that would reflect the topic. The presentation will include the use of tangrams and attribute pieces.

PRESENTER	WORKSHOP #1 (9:00-10:45 a.m.)	WORKSHOP #2 (11:00-12:45 p.m.)
GRADES: K – 3 rd	Literature That Engages K-3 rd Grade Students	Literature That Engages K-3 rd Grade Students
Dr. Joanne Robertson Associate Professor School of Education St. John's University	In this interactive workshop, Dr. Robertson will share a part of her extensive collection of picture books for the primary grades, and demonstrate the ways readalouds can be integrated into an existing literacy program to motivate and inspire K-3 rd grade writers. Participants will receive an annotated biblio-graphy introducing each book, highlighting teaching points, and suggesting further supplemental readings. Teachers are encouraged to bring their favorite readaloud book to this session, to enrich and extend our discussion.	CONTINUED
ALL GRADES	Student Assessment: Preparing for State Exams	Student Assessment: Preparing for State Exams
Dr. Sharon Freedman New York City Department of Education	We work hard to plan great lessons, but how can we be sure that our students understood or mastered the content we taught? With the results being measured in high stake tests, it's beneficial to have the right tools in assessing whether our students "got it". This ultimately helps us understand what needs to be taught again, or taught differently. This workshop will provide you with some assessment concepts and tools that will help your students do well on the standardized tests.	TO BE REPEATED

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ALL GRADES Dr. Patrick McCabe Assistant Professor School of Education St. John's University	Comparing Elementary and Secondary School Literacy Tasks This workshop will address reasons for the "fourth grade reading slump" that affects some readers. The nature of reading and writing tasks and textual material will be compared at elementary and secondary school and solutions will be suggested. Attendees will have greater knowledge of the differences and similarities of literacy tasks at all grade levels.	The Role of Motivation in Literacy Across the Grades This workshop will discuss causes for low motivation for literacy tasks and some ways to address this issue. Attendees will become more sensitive to the complex and situational nature of motivation and ways to enhance low motivation.
ALL GRADES Mr. Sheldon Shulman Human Connections Institute Inc.	Resolving Students Conflicts Hands on workshop. How to give students skills and teaching them to deal effectively and peacefully with their conflicts	Parent-Teacher Relations Hands on discussion. Role of playing, learning tools, and teaching to develop ways to interact effectively and create situation

FOR PRINCIPALS ONLY

WORKSHOP #1 (9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)

Presenter: Dr. Bryan Smith, President, Orthodox Schools Association Headmaster, St. Peter's Classical School, Fort Worth, TX

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- 2. LEGAL ISSUES IN PRIVATE EDUCATION

WORKSHOP #2 (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Presenter: Mr. Scott Malo, Vice President/Sales & Consumer Service REDIKER SOFTWARE

This is a presentation on K-12 School Administrative Software. Administrator's Plus & School Office Suite provide easy to use features on student management (e-portfolios, photo ID cards, skills-based report cards, student information on line, etc.) as well as technical support.