

Too often play is set in direct opposition to work, when in reality, play is the engine of learning for children. Teachers, administrators and coaches, join Kristine (Kristi) Mraz for this four—part series and reclaim a playful and joyful spirit by exploring and then teaching the myriad of ways play can be used to facilitate social emotional and academic growth.

**TUESDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>: 11 A.M.—12:15 P.M. CST**

### PART 1 WHY PLAY? A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PHILOSOPHY

- Explore what research shows about play and its importance to learners
- Examine different **types** of play and reflect on the balance of play in your own classroom/school
- Become empowered to advocate for and discuss the importance of play with all stakeholders

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>: 9—10:15 A.M. CST**

### PART 2 CREATING A CLASSROOM THAT INVITES AND FOSTERS PLAY: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Explore the physical environment: spaces for play and materials to support powerful play
- Explore the emotional environment: creating a playful and caring culture

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>: 4—5:15 P.M. CST**

### PART 3 PLAY WORKSHOP: ROUTINES & PROCEDURES TO SUPPORT PLAYERS

- Examine the components of a Play Workshop structure
- Take a closer look at the process of choosing centers/play themes
- Explore the importance of supporting players in developing stamina (persevering through challenges and boredom)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>: 4—5:15 P.M. CST**

### PART 4 STAGES OF PLAY

- Explore the stages of play to observe and coach into during play

### WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS WEBINAR SERIES?

- Grades 4K and 5K teachers
- Reading Specialists
- Literacy and Instructional Coaches
- Principals
- Directors of Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning

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## NATIONAL EXPERT



**Kristine (Kristi) Mraz**

is an award-winning expert in Early Childhood teaching

and learning, including her cutting edge work on play-based child development and classroom artifacts which culminate in deep, engaged literacy learning and achievement. Kristi is co-author of several books for teachers, including *Purposeful Play* (Porcelli and Tyler) and *Kids First From Day One* (Hertz).

### VIRTUAL SERIES DETAILS

#### DATES / TIMES:

- **Part 1: Tues., July 21, 2020**  
\* 11:00 A.M.—12:15 P.M. CST
- **Part 2: Tues., August 4, 2020**  
\* 9:00—10:15 A.M. CST
- **Part 3: Wed., September 16, 2020**  
\* 4:00—5:15 P.M. CST
- **Part 4: Mon., October 26, 2020**  
\* 4:00—5:15 P.M. CST

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$165 per person

#### REGISTER ONLINE:

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(scroll to July 21, 2020)

#### QUESTIONS?

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