

CESA 8 School Improvement Services Department is proud to present this National Professional Development Opportunity

Literacy Beginnings

June 8, 2012
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Cost: 200.00 per person

Literacy Beginnings: Grades PreK-K

*Developed by Gay Su Pinnell and Irene C. Fountas and based on their professional development resource, *Literacy Beginnings: A Prekindergarten Handbook**

Play and language are both important learning tools for the pre-kindergarten child. Through play and language, they learn about their world and about themselves and it is in play that early literacy learning begins. Drawing from Fountas and Pinnell's newest book, *Literacy Beginnings: A Prekindergarten Handbook*, this seminar will address the challenges of creating a classroom community that is play-based, but also prepares the children for the literacy-rich world in which they live.

Course goals:

- Understand how to manage and design classrooms that support meaningful learning experiences through play with teachers as facilitators of self-regulated student learners
- Focus on assessment using informal and formal observations that provide evidence to support language development and early literacy concepts through intentional conversational interactions
- Explore the Continuum of Literacy Learning for the behaviors and understandings to notice, teach, and support in order to present playful and joyful yet appropriate, purposeful, and powerful experiences and opportunities to nurture young readers and writers, including learning about letters, sounds, and words
- Discover the rich resources provided in the Literacy Beginnings handbook



Recommended Grade Level: Grades PREK - K

Cost: \$200.00 per participant—includes all coursework, books, and meals

Registration: All registration will be made through our online system which can be found at www.myquickreg.com, or go to the CESA 8 webpage and click on the red link at the bottom of the page.

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