



Layers of Literacy - Elementary K-3 (Writing)



PRESENTED BY

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SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
February 05, 2024	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
February 29, 2024	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
April 08, 2024	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
May 09, 2024	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM



LOCATION

**SAPDC Learning Suite - 2219 14 Avenue
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Program

Join Michelle Bence and Miriam Ramzy for a 4-part series digging into the Layers of Writing. Together, we will unpack the research around the complexities of writing, align the Layers of Writing with the ELAL curriculum, and share many strategies and tools that you can carry into your classrooms to support the writing development of your young learners.

February 5th (Morning, In-person)

In our first gathering, we will provide an overview of how writing develops. We will share a Layers of Writing framework, explaining how each core skill builds upon the next, driven by purpose. Additionally, we will discuss the different roles the layers play in facilitating and enhancing *flow*.

February 29th (Morning, Virtual)

This second session will target what are often considered the foundations of writing: Handwriting and Spelling. We will unpack the role of these layers in supporting written production and output.

* Holy Spirit Teachers are gathering at Holy Spirit Office - others welcome to join or gather remotely.

April 8th (Afternoon, Virtual)

Together, let's dig into how sentence structure develops from simple to complex helping writers better express their ideas. We will also look at our first category of vocabulary, descriptive language, and how we can use these types of words to build out more complex sentences.

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May 9th (Morning, In-person)

Looking at Tier 2 academic vocabulary, and the most common text structures in school, we will share ways in which we can scaffold writing practice, for all students, including reluctant writers. Finally, we will conclude the series by looking at how The Layers of Writing can come together in a purposeful writing environment, where all students experience support and success.

Presenters

Miriam Ramzy

Miriam Ramzy works with a leading school division in Alberta. The focus of her education, teaching practice, and professional development has been on early learning and literacy. Miriam has her Ph.D. from the University of Calgary; her doctoral work looked at early literacy learning in a grade one setting, with an emphasis on writing instruction and the role of printing and word study. Her passion for supporting teachers in building powerful literacy classrooms where all learners experience success drives her work.

Michelle Bence

Michelle's passion is literacy. She is an enthusiastic educator with over 18 years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist. Over the past few years, Michelle has worked extensively with school boards across Alberta, investigating professional teacher learning and evidence-based early literacy practice. Currently, Michelle is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Calgary, examining the connection between oral language development and early literacy acquisition.

Registration Notes

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