



# "Tricking the Brain" Into Reading: How to Use Brain Science as a Road Map to Fast-Track Phonics Skills in K/1



PRESENTED BY

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SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
May 05, 2021	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
May 19, 2021	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
June 02, 2021	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



LOCATION

**Online**

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## Program

Join Katie Garner, author of "Secret Stories® Cracking the Reading Code with the Brain in Mind!" for this 3-part professional development series.

Help beginning K/1 readers become strong decoders instead of weak guessers AND make meaning as they engage with text across the instructional day. Using brain science as a road map, discover how to take advantage of "backdoor" learning systems to fast-track MORE of the phonics code kids need to read and write SOONER! By aligning abstract phonics concepts with already familiar "universal" experiences and understanding (i.e. having a crush, not getting along, getting hurt, being left out, doing what your mom or babysitter tells you, knowing where and when to be sneaky, etc...) we can leverage early-learners' social-emotional intelligence to fast-track skill mastery. In this way, beginning readers are empowered with all of the tools they need to become fearless codebreakers — and not just at the reading table, but across the entire instructional day!

**This 3-part professional development series will include:**

- Research on early brain development ("back to front") and how the brain learns to read
- Understanding of the brain's processes for learning, including the social-emotional "superhighways"
- Strategies for aligning high-leverage phonics skill concepts to "universal" experiences & understanding

- Fast-tracking individual letter sound mastery (in 2 weeks to 1 month) via muscle memory
  - Increasing automaticity of sound-symbol ("speech to print") connections with musical drills for rapid decoding & encoding
  - The Decodable Truth About Sight Words
  - Maximizing Instructional Value with Phonics-Focused and Brain-Aligned Teacher Moves
  - Turning "Landmines" into "Playgrounds" by Coaching Students to Strategize, Not Memorize
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## Presenters

### Katie Garner

**Katie Garner, M.Ed.** (author of best-selling book, *Secret Stories® Cracking the Reading Code with the Brain in Mind*) is an internationally known keynote speaker, author and literacy consultant with thirty years of experience working in elementary grade classrooms across the country, and a passion for infusing neuroscience into literacy and learning! Katie's "backdoor-to-the-brain" approach to fast-tracking phonics skills for reading, via social-emotional learning systems, shifts the paradigms associated with beginning literacy skill instruction. Her fast-paced, dynamic presentations spotlight brain-changing strategies for boosting existing reading curriculum and phonics instruction with the latest reading science showing how our brains learn best. Katie's practical and proven methods for bringing neuroscience into the forefront of literacy and learning have been the subject of numerous professional journal articles, and have been shared in both lecture and panel discussions at Harvard University and MIT.

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## Registration Notes

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