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CKA Presents

Common Core Tools, Tips & Tricks for TK, K and 1st Grade
featuring Heidi Butkus!

Marysville, CA
TK and K - Tuesday, July 28th
1st Grade - Wednesday, July 29th



The first in a series of professional development workshops (PDW's) throughout the state for the 2015-16 school year, *Common Core Tools, Tips & Tricks* will be held in Marysville. Tuesday, July 28th will be geared towards Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Teachers AND Wednesday, July 29th is for 1st Grade teachers.

Topics covered will include:

- Helping Your Struggling Students Meet the Common Core Standards
- Developmentally Appropriate Ways to Get Your Students Writing
- Fun and Easy Way to Use Technology with Your Students
- Critical Thinking Skills: Big Ideas for Little Learners

Earn up to three graduate-level semester by attending the workshop. Email courses4teachers@courses4teachers.net and mention you'd like credit linked to your attendance at CKA's Professional Development Workshop Series.

For more information on the Marysville PDW, please [click here](#).

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[Debate Persists Around Early-Reading Standards](#)

This [outstanding article](#) articulates the challenges surrounding common core content standards and developmentally appropriate practice. It discusses, yet questions, the application of common core literacy standards in kindergarten and challenges us to question much of what we, as educators, believe to be developmentally appropriate practices in kindergarten. The CKA Board of Directors recommends this article for all educators of kindergartners to read and reflect on in their own practices.



[Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#)

This summer, you're invited to join more than 20,000 teachers from across the state for [Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#), a day of learning designed to help teachers like you build a powerful network of peers, share best practices and access effective resources to implement the new California Standards. The **FREE** summit will take place on **Friday, July 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** and will be held at [33 locations](#) across the state.

In Los Angeles, **Loyola Marymount University** is hosting the Summit at the **Pasadena Convention Center** in partnership with co-hosts Antioch University, Brandman University - Antelope Valley, Pepperdine University, and University of Southern California. Join the group in Pasadena by [registering here](#).

The program will include presentations from nationally renowned speakers and discussions led by teachers and for teachers about new innovative practices. You will walk away with access to resources and concrete tools you can immediately use in your classroom. **A .5 unit continuing education credit will be available at a minimal cost.**

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