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*We're still teaching kids.
We're still loving kids. We just have
to remember to unmute ourselves!*

Spend your weekend in your jammies with some of the best experts in the field!

- Keynotes by Dan St. Romain and Gerry Brooks
- Over 20 sessions to choose from during the two days
- Attend two keynotes and five sessions over the weekend
- Virtual swag for all attendees and prizes given away throughout the weekend
- ALL session recordings available through June for CKA Members registered for the conference
- Virtual art & commercial exhibits

Reignite your passion for teaching... on a computer, in a classroom or both!
We can't wait to see you there!

Meet Our Keynote Speakers...



Dan St. Romain
Educational Consulting

- Saturday Opening Keynote
- Saturday Session B
- Saturday Session C
- Sunday Session D

Dan St. Romain is a national independent educational consultant who provides staff development and consultative services to educators and parents working with children at all developmental levels. Dan is passionate about helping individuals shift their perspective on discipline, understanding the best ways to provide support given the challenges posed in today's society.

Dan worked in both private residential and public school settings, as well as at the Region 20 Education Service Center in San Antonio, Texas. His work as a self-contained behavior unit teacher, educational diagnostician, and director of a learning resource center has afforded him experience at all levels, in both general and special education settings. Dan is just now starting his retirement after having worked in the school system for the past 30 years.

Dan's overwhelming strength is his skill as a presenter. Although his sessions are exceedingly interactive, his greatest asset lies in his ability to offer participants rich insight into the connectedness between educational practices and student behavior.

Accentuate the Positive: Assets Kids Need for Success

When we look at the long-term goals we have for our youngest learners, they go way beyond the isolated short-term goal of passing a state mandated test. Research clearly indicates what kids need to be successful in school, as well as beyond. This fun session will feature this information, as well as ways to encourage healthy development in all areas.



Gerry Brooks
Gerrybrooksprin.com

- Sunday Closing Keynote

Gerry Brooks has been an educator for 25 years, beginning as a third grade teacher in Palm Bay, FL. He earned his masters in administration and has been an elementary principal for 15 years. Originally using humorous videos to encourage his staff, Gerry has become a national encourager for teachers through social media and speaking events. He is a voice for teachers, but his passion is leading others to be responsible for their own personal climate and culture in the workplace. His book, "Go See the Principal," outlines strategies for taking on this responsibility. Gerry and his wife, Kelly, have 3 adult children and live in Lexington, KY. He currently has a following of over 1.2 million people.

Being the Best You Can Be in Any Situation You're In

Gerry Brooks will focus on personal climate and culture. Personal climate and culture is your attitude and actions towards those people that you work with and your job in general. He will challenge you to be the best you can be no matter what position you serve.

Featured Speakers



Vera Ahiyya
The Tutu Teacher

Vera Ahiyya (née Corbett) was born in Germany and raised in El Paso, Texas with her wonderful mother and amazing grandparents. Originally a pre-med student, Vera realized her calling as an educator at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she majored in history and earned her MA in Education. Vera has taught Kindergarten and first grade for the last 14 years in Texas, Boston, and Brooklyn. Vera's online presence is dedicated to influencing other educators by spreading her vast knowledge and love of diverse children's books. Vera's unwavering commitment to social justice and diversity is also the focal point of her professional development presentations for other educators. Vera lives in Brooklyn with her husband Lonnell and her dog, Mozi.



Ben Cogswell
Kinder Rockets

Growing up in the '80s and '90s, Ben Cogswell was a kid on the edge of modern technology. He was a product of the Oregon Trail in black and white, AOL 1.0, and Carmen Sandiego on six floppy disks!!! Times were great! Fast forward to 2020, after fourteen years as an elementary educator and technology coach, Ben has landed himself as captain of the Kinder Rockets. As 2019 CUE BOLD teacher of the year, Mr. C loves to share his go-to strategies and mindset of blending technology with pedagogy. His Seesaw activities have been used by over 900,000 students.



Leanna Wolkis Goldstein
Wolkis Wonderland

LeAnna Wolkis is an energetic and passionate Kindergarten Teacher from Arizona with over 25 years of teaching experience in the Paradise Valley School District. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, a Master's Degree from NAU and achieved National Board Certification. Besides teaching in her classroom, where she creates mini engaging learning spaces known as The Wolkis Wonderland, LeAnna travels across the country presenting on topics that are near and dear to her heart. Her mission is training kids to coach each other using brain smart choices while building classroom communities that promote equity and fairness.



Shakara Hill
The Excellent Educator

Shakara is a professional development specialist, former kindergarten teacher, and Teacher of the Year. She sows seeds of excellence in teachers through upbeat, relevant, and engaging adult learning experiences. Shakara is the owner of SEED Consulting LLC, which provides educators with professional development workshops, coaching, and consulting. She is the author of the popular blog, "The Excellent Educator."



Maria Mercedes Champion
Champion Pre-K Play

Maria Mercedes is an early childhood teacher educated in Colombia, Spain and USA. She has taught Pre-K general and bilingual students for 15 years at different school districts in San Antonio, Texas, including a charter school. Previously she was a program coordinator for the Kinder Readiness program and a Bilingual Facilitator for Families and Schools Together (F.A.S.T.). She believes that play is children's work and creates fun learning environments for her students to learn while playing.



Palma Lindsay
KFUNDamentals

Palma Lindsay is an award-winning teacher with over 38 years of classroom experience teaching ELL, EO, and gifted and talented students. She has taught grades K-8, mentored new teachers, and held a variety of leadership roles while sharing her fun ideas in her innovative blog, "KFUNDamentals." Palma creates research-based, developmentally appropriate, and innovative strategies that foster conceptual understanding and support teachers to meet rigorous state standards. Her dynamic presentations are creative, high energy, and provide new and fresh ways to engage and motivate your pre-school, TK, kindergarten, and first grade students.



Beth Pittman
Flexible in First

Beth Pittman has been teaching in the K-2 classroom for more than 15 years. She is currently teaching first grade, which is her favorite! She is passionate about positive classroom management and giving her students choice in the classroom. She is the author of the blog, "Flexible in First."



Deedee Wills
Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten

Deedee is an experienced teacher, literacy coach, and an international presenter with a deep background in early childhood education. She loves connecting with other teachers through her popular blog, "Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten," and the podcast, "The Classroom Collaborative." Deedee provides practical ways to solve classroom challenges all the while creating a classroom where every child has fun and succeeds.

Saturday

Sunday

Art & Commercial Exhibits

8:00 - 9:00am

Keynote by Dan St. Romain

9:00 - 10:30am

Session A

10:45am - 12:00pm

Lunch

Art & Commercial Exhibits

12:00 - 1:30pm

Session B

1:30 - 2:45pm

Session C

3:00 - 4:15pm

Art & Commercial Exhibits

8:00 - 9:00am

CKA Annual Meeting

8:00 - 8:45am

Session D

9:00 - 10:15am

Session E

10:30 - 11:45am

Lunch

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11:45am - 1:00pm

Closing Keynote by

Gerry Brooks

1:00 - 2:15pm

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Saturday Sessions

Art & Commercial Exhibits: 8:00 - 9:00am



Keynote by Dan St. Romain: 9:00 - 10:30am

SESSION A - SATURDAY 10:45am - 12:00pm

All Day, Every Day, FUN Meaningful Language Development Activities

with Maria Mercedes Champion
Champion Pre-K-Play

Phonological awareness is highly related to later success in reading and spelling. This session will teach FUN language development songs, transitions, and activities to increase phonological awareness throughout your student's day.

A1

It's a Math World: Teaching Math Minus the Anxiety

with Shakara Hill
The Excellent Educator

Math causes anxiety for many students - and teachers! The good news is that something can be done about it. In this interactive session, understand how your own math experiences impact your approach to math in the classroom. Then, gain strategies to build your confidence and competence as an effective math instructor and help your children see math reflected in their own world.

A2

Seesaw 101: Covering the Basics & Unlocking the Potential - Power Up Seesaw Session 1

with Ben Cogswell - *Kinder Rockets*

Looking to integrate technology into your teaching in a powerful way? Come get your crash course in Seesaw: The Learning Journal, a powerful tool for face-to-face and remote learning. In this session, you will get a sneak peak of the Kinder Rocket Seesaw Class, and you will get a crash course in Seesaw. By the end of this session, you will understand the basics of the tool and also see the potential.

A3

Interactive Read Aloud with Deliberate Instruction

with Deedee Wills
Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten

How do you teach emergent readers to become deep thinkers and engage in focused discussions? How do you scaffold them, support their attempts, and help them transfer their learning to new situations? It just doesn't happen...it happens with deliberate instruction. Join Deedee as she walks you through the process of planning an interactive read-aloud for deliberate instruction.

A4

Guiding Young Learners Through the Writing Process While Engaging Them in an Environment Filled with Literacy

with Leanna Walkis Goldstein
Walkis Wonderland

Motivate novice writers using exciting novelty tools. Create a print rich environment that fosters collaboration and brings out their creative side. Discover innovative ways to develop independent writers by offering strategies that lead to composing a complete thought or idea. Young authors will experience storytelling by making individual or class books using different mediums, binding techniques and clever covers that will stretch their imagination.

A5

Lunch & Art & Commercial Exhibits: 12:00 - 1:30pm

SESSION B - SATURDAY 1:30 - 2:45pm

I Can Make Good Choices

with Dan St. Romain
Educational Consulting

"You're so mean!" "You can't play with us!" "That's not fair!" Each year, teachers are dealing with more behavior problems in the primary classrooms. In this interactive session, participants will learn quick and easy ideas for teaching behavioral skills using visuals, literature, chants and engaging activities.

B1

Using Words in an "LOL" Texting World

with Shakara Hill
The Excellent Educator

Your students live in a texting world where talking and lots of words are out and acronyms (like LOL) are in. But using fewer words with children is one of the most detrimental things you can do because it stunts their literacy success. You have the power to change this using Shakara's simple strategies. Find out how to increase your children's exposure to rich words and enhance their vocabulary through meaningful interactions.

B2

Diving into Seesaw Activities - Power Up Seesaw Session 2

with Ben Cogswell
Kinder Rockets

After building your skills in Session 1, this Seesaw session will focus on beginning to build activities or assignments for students. Using the tools within Seesaw, such as the white board, we will create a few basic activities and learn how to add virtual manipulatives to create drag and drops. The possibilities will be endless as you will be able to customize your students' learning.

B3

ABC's the Early Childhood Way

with LeAnna Walkis Goldstein
Walkis Wonderland

Replenish your supply of student-friendly strategies for teaching phonological awareness and letter recognition. Use puppets, letter pots, music, nursery rhymes, and movement to help even your struggling learners. Make letter books that will bring the sounds of the alphabet to life. Keep little hands busy by creating a "claymation station" that will spark a connection from seeing and feeling to writing and reading. Your little ones will have so much FUN playing with letters and sounds that they won't even realize they're learning.

B4

Tips & Tricks for a Successful School Year

with Beth Pittman
Flexible in First

Looking for ways to keep your students engaged and "behaving"? Come and see how Beth uses books, songs, chants, "gold tags" and more to keep her classroom running smoothly and keeping students engaged.

B5

SESSION C - SATURDAY 3:00 - 4:15pm

Teaching Tolerance Standards Linked to Children's Books

with Vera Ahiyya
The Tutu Teacher

Now more than ever, educators need to ensure their students are prepared for success as global citizens. Using the Teaching Tolerance Social Justice standards for grades K-2, Vera will walk you through which books will best help you engage your students in thoughtful, developmentally appropriate conversations.

C1

First Things First: Let's Get the Sounds Down

with Shakara Hill
The Excellent Educator

Delve into how phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, and phonics are related yet different, and learn to appreciate the important role each plays in early reading success. Join Shakara as she breaks down the difference between the three and get a closer look at the first foundational skills of phonological awareness. Be prepared to engage in age appropriate activities you can take back and implement on your own!

C2

Making Math Fun

with Palma Lindsay
KFUNdamentals

From number sense to addition and subtraction, let's roll up our sleeves and make math FUN! Your students will build a strong understanding of counting and cardinality while discovering the magic of addition and subtraction through manipulatives and techniques that make math concepts real. Learn how to develop conceptual understanding of numbers 1-10 so even your youngest learners will internalize the concepts of composing & decomposing numbers.

C3

Shared Reading, Poetry & SONG!

with Deedee Wills
Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten

Kick reading engagement into high gear with daily poetry and shared reading fun! Deedee will show you how to keep your students engaged, motivated, and meeting the phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and reading fluency standards. Reach students from all types of learning styles while they sing, move, and fall in love with poetry in your classroom.

C4

Read Alouds That Teach

with Beth Pittman
Flexible in First

There is so much that we must teach during the school year! How do you find the time to work on concepts such as social emotional, families, STEM, growth mindset, diversity, etc.? You can teach these much-needed concepts through read-alouds! Come learn how Beth teaches many important concepts during her daily read-alouds.

C5

Sunday Sessions



CKA Annual Meeting: 8:00 - 8:45am - Art & Commercial Exhibits: 8:00 - 9:00am

SESSION D - SUNDAY 9:00 - 10:15am

<p>De los Garabatos a las Letras... with <i>Maria Mercedes Champion Champion Pre-K Play</i> ¡La Escritura es un Proceso Complejo! Teniendo muy presente el desarrollo psicomotor de los niños, esta presentación les dará ideas concretas y divertidas para ayudarle a sus estudiantes a fortalecer los músculos necesarios para estar listos para escribir. <i>This presentation will be delivered in Spanish but the content in the slides will be in English.</i></p>	<p>Teach Skills and Break Habits: Growth Mindsets for Better Behavior in the Classroom with <i>Dan St. Romain Educational Consulting</i> How do we create long-term change for children with chronic behavior problems? Attendees will discuss the downfall of common behavior tracking systems, as well as why time out, clip systems, behavior folders, & office referrals often work against long-term goals. Participants will leave the session with ideas for both targeting and teaching skills based on students' gifts and challenges.</p>	<p>Stupendous Seesaw Activities with Google Slides - Power Up Seesaw Session 3 with <i>Ben Cogswell Kinder Rockets</i> In Session 3 of the series, we will really power up our Seesaw Activities with Google Slides, allowing us to create magnificent backgrounds for students. By the end of this session, you will not only be able to make your activities PDP, but come away with some awesome resource templates. Some previous experience with Google Slides and Seesaw is recommended for this session.</p>	<p>Fun and Engaging Best Practices for Teaching and Learning Using Music & Movement with <i>Leanna Walkis Goldstein Walkis Wonderland</i> Have you or your students ever started the day feeling like Bruno Mars?..."Today I don't feel like doing anything." Here's a sure-fire way to counter that fatigue, improve everyone's mood and stimulate creativity. Using music and movement in the classroom has proven to be a powerful, motivating and effective method in focusing students' attention and building memory. Participants will experience brain breaks, movement exercises and group activities that will result in building a classroom community and increasing student engagement.</p>	<p>Emergent Writing Techniques with <i>Palma Lindsay KFundamentals</i> Get your little learners excited about writing and brimming with confidence! Discover tons of ideas that make writing fun online or in the classroom. The tools, tricks, and activities that Palma shares in this session will empower your students and get them off to a fast start on their journey to becoming independent, successful writers.</p>
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SESSION E - SUNDAY 10:30 - 11:45am

<p>Teach Sight Words Through Distance Learning with <i>Vera Ahiyya The Tutu Teacher</i> Sight words are one of those things that just have to be done. If we were back in our classrooms, the lessons would easily be integrated into our everyday routines. Now that we are teaching from home, we have to be creative. Vera will share one way she gets students to stay engaged and active while learning and practicing their sight words.</p>	<p>Playing and Learning Together with <i>Maria Mercedes Champion Champion Pre-K Play</i> So many guidelines, so little time. Play is learning, can boost physical development, promote a healthy lifestyle and even help children perform better in school. Learn how to use play as a learning tool to teach all the guidelines while allowing your students to be creative and have a growth mindset.</p>	<p>Building Language Through GLAD Strategies with <i>Palma Lindsay KFundamentals</i> Let's build academic language and literacy for all students, ELL and EO! Discover how to integrate GLAD (Guided Lang. Acquisition & Design) strategies & techniques into your social studies and science curriculum online or in the classroom. Get free templates that are firmly rooted in research and make learning accessible & fun for all students!</p>	<p>What to Do When They Don't Know? Interventions That Work! with <i>Deedee Wills Mrs. Wills' Kindergarten</i> Students learn at different speeds. Deedee will share her methods to help reach every student! This session includes reading, writing, math, and behavioral interventions that will help every student reach their full potential.</p>	<p>Celebrating All Families with <i>Beth Pittman Flexible in First</i> Every student comes to us from their very own unique and wonderful family. All students need to know that their family is just as important as the next one. Families come in many forms. By discussing and celebrating different families in your classroom, students can feel like they belong. Students can also learn to understand and accept those who might have a different family than theirs. Let's celebrate families together!!</p>
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Lunch & Art & Commercial Exhibits: 11:45am - 1:00pm



Closing Keynote by Gerry Brooks: 1:00 - 2:15pm

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Sat. 9:00-10:30am

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Sat. 1:30-2:45pm

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Closing Keynote by Gerry Brooks

Sun. 1:00-2:15pm

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Bring your principal to experience the joy of early childhood! They don't even have to pay! Principals attend the conference for free - make sure to check the box on the registration form and send in together with a teacher's registration.

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1) To register for university credit during or after the Conference, please use this link: courses4teachers.net/california-kindergarten-conference/

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Instructions on how to log your hours of extra work is provided on the website link.

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P ECE 9003: Assessment of ECE Goals and Lesson Plan Effectiveness

P ECE 9004: Understanding Developmental Stages of Early Childhood

P ECE 9005: Promoting Social Emotional Growth in ECE Students

P ECE 9006: Teaching to Diversified Developmental Levels, Personality Types & Learning Styles in the ECE Classroom

P ECE 9007: Teaching Language and Literacy to ECE Students

Course Numbers and Titles For All Educators PreK- K-6:

P EDU 9015: Adding New Ideas to your Curriculum

P EDU 9034: Developing Effective Curriculum

P EDU 9040: Safe and Respectful Learning Environments

P EDU 9044: Strategies to Help Children with Learning Challenges

P EDU 9046: Introducing More Literature into your Reading Program

P EDU 9049: Strategies for Differentiated Instruction

P EDU 9051: Focusing on Objectives for Teaching Reading

P EDU 9052: Understanding and Supporting Children With Special Needs

P EDU 9055: Focusing on Objectives for Teaching Writing Skills

P EDU 9060: Evaluating and Enhancing Your Science Program

P EDU 9061: Evaluating and Enhancing Your Math Program

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P EDU 9066: Enhancing Your Skills Using Technology

P EDU 9069: Classroom Management Strategies

P EDU 9070: Music Across the Curriculum

Meet the CKA Board & Conference Committee



California Kindergarten Association's Annual Meeting

All are Welcome!
Sunday
January 17th
8am

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions -
 - Awards to Educators -
- Awards to Outgoing Board Members -
 - President's Remarks -
 - Legislative Updates -
- Business Items as Needed -

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