

Come Back to the Beach!

AALECE 2011 - July 21-23, 2011

Hampton Inn - Orange Beach, AL

Conference Schedule & Workshop Selections



Thursday

12:30pm

Registration Opens

2:00pm - 5:00pm SQUISH SQUASH OPEN-ENDED ART & BOOKMAKING - After briefly discussing the open-ended art process, participants will explore squishy balls, silly plungers, kitchen gadgets, brooms, mops & so much more... all of which, with a bit of creativity & a lot of imagination, can be used to paint with. Together, we'll watch colors rise, point with flip-flops & smash art with a friend. Then, after switching gears we will watch a potato chip can, a soft sock & a rolling pin become individual & classroom books. All participants will have a chance to design a poofers, a pop-up and a creative All About Me book. Totally interactive FUN, with a few giggles! (Lois Wachtel)

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Floats & Boat Drinks Reception

Friday

WE'LL ALL SPEND THE DAY TOGETHER IN ONE LARGE GROUP!

8:00am

REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00am - 10:30am KEYNOTE - THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD - Sing songs, tell a story or two and look at daily activities and routines through the eyes of a child. You'll gain insight and a new perspective on the way children see the activities & routines we adults put in place! (Lois Wachtel)

10:30am - 12:00pm THE BRAIN LOVES A SONG - Get energized about what you do while becoming engaged in stimulating conversation & activities. Mar will share brain research findings & give you ways to use that information to meet the needs of children while having fun! (Maryann Harmon)

12:00pm - 1:00pm

LUNCH

1:00pm - 3:00pm The Power of Choice© - Many of us are still so busy doing things the way we always have done them that we haven't noticed they do not work for us anymore. We want the world to quit changing, so we won't have to change. Often it never occurs that we can, or might benefit from change. This workshop will expose a way of thinking that allows us to recognize our choices. (Dan Lumpkin)

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Closing Activities with Lois Wachtel - The importance of end-of-the-day circle time will be discussed through music & games, all of which will have your children leaving anxious to share with mommy & daddy... and just as excited to come back to school tomorrow!

Saturday

CHOOSE 1 "TRACK" TO FOLLOW THE ENTIRE DAY!

INFANT/TODDLER TRACK:

8:30am - 10:00am

TOTALLY TODS! - This workshop focuses on the special needs of our youngest children. You'll learn how to choose and implement movement & music activities that are appropriate for this age group. (Maryann Harmon)

10:15am - 11:45am

SEMI-HOMEMADE TOYS - Join us as we rediscover the special joys of working with infants & toddlers. We know that our little ones grow through play, so that's exactly what we will do, as we step back & look at life in the classroom through the eyes of our youngest children. We'll share some creative ideas for toys in your classroom, as we interact with a feely carpet, a roly-poly family, some magical bottles & soft, simple books that bring our favorite stories to life for our little ones... and, oh yes, there will be more singing & dancing as we realize how very special these children are. (Lois Wachtel)

11:45am - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm

POSITIVE GUIDANCE - This session includes an exploration of prevention and intervention techniques, as well as specific guidance tools that are appropriate for infants and toddlers at different stages of development. (Catherine Kreger)

PRESCHOOL TRACK:

8:30am - 10:00am

AS EASY AS 1,2,3 - Participants will be encouraged to integrate math throughout their day. Discover fun ways to introduce math concepts such as getting parents involved with "junk bag math", designing a sorting mat, and moving with large, colorful dice! (Lois Wachtel)

10:15am - 11:45am

CREATING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN - All too often, children already have a list of things they think they are not good at. Teachers are sometimes so focused on children's cognitive abilities that they neglect to prepare the WHOLE child for school & life. Music can be a powerful, effective tool for teaching social skills to children. Through the use of well-thought out music & movement activities, children will have a list of things that they feel capable of doing! (Maryann Harmon)

11:45am - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN! - In this session, participants will discover free resources that are designed to teach children about the environment and world we live in. Explore hands-on activities that can be easily integrated into any curriculum! (Stacey Little)

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10:30am - 12:00pm	The Brain Loves a Song (Maryann Harman)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm - 3:00pm	The Power of Choice© (Dan Lumpkin)

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<i>(CHOOSE THE INFANT/TODDLER OR PRESCHOOL TRACK TO FOLLOW ALL DAY!)</i>	

INFANT / TODDLER TRACK

8:30am - 10:00am	Totally Tods! (Maryann Harman)
10:15am - 11:45am	Semi-Homemade Toys (Lois Wachtel)
11:45am - 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Guidance (Catherine Kreger)

PRESCHOOL TRACK

8:30am - 10:00am	Let the Hullabaloo Begin! (Lois Wachtel)
10:15am - 11:45am	Creating Confident & Competent Children (Maryann Harman)
11:45am - 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm - 2:30pm	It's Easy Being Green! (Stacy Little)