

Meet our 2017 Conference Keynoters!

Friday/March 10, 2017



Dr. Susan B. Neuman

Word Wizardry: Creating an Environment that Promotes Language Development

Vocabulary is a strong predictor of children's achievement. Yet many of our children who come from economically disadvantaged communities have not had the opportunity to engage in rich language experiences which are essential to literacy development. This presentation will focus on the importance of oral language development in promoting children's social emotional development and school readiness skills

Susan B. Neuman is a Professor and Chair of Teaching and Learning at New York University in New York City specializing in education and early childhood policy. Previously, she has been a Professor at the University of Michigan and has served as the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education under George W. Bush. Dr. Neuman has authored 11 books that focus on education and educational policies among them, *Changing the Odds for Children at Risk* and *Giving Children a Fighting Chance*.



Dr. Tammy Pawloski

Challenges and Opportunities: Why Poverty Matters and How Teachers Can Matter More

Life with limited key resources can impact development, but teachers can matter more! Learn how to reframe challenges faced in high-poverty schools as opportunities for uncovering often-hidden potential. Take away resources and strategies that engage the brain, empower the learner, and change the outcomes.

Tammy Pawloski is Professor of Education and Director of the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, and prior to joining the faculty of FMU in 2000, she served on the faculties of USC in South Carolina, and Ventura College and Pepperdine University in Southern California.

Saturday/March 11, 2017



Red Grammer and Carol McCloud

Bucketfilling: Grow Kindness, Respect, Courtesy and Cooperation in Your Classroom

Learn how to integrate the naturally compelling elements of story, visual art, melody, rhythm and rhyme in playful and interactive ways with content that encourages social/emotional/character development. Red and Carol will employ content from Carol's bestselling books on Bucketfilling and Red's world-renowned music to show how to create a "bucketfilling"

environment that increases kindness, respect and courtesy and decreases mean-spiritedness and negativity.

Red Grammer is an internationally known children's singer/songwriter whose music has been used in classrooms around the world to enhance their social/emotional/character programs. His recordings have won numerous Parents Choice Awards and a Grammy nomination. His latest recording, *Circle of Light: Songs for Bucket Fillers*, is an exciting new addition to the Bucket Filling Program.

Carol McCloud has spent 20 years in education as teacher, counselor, youth mentor, and early education director. She is an award winning author, Talent Smart® Emotional Intelligence Certified Trainer and her book on Bucketfilling is used in classrooms around the world.

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