



Great Beginnings: Elementary Induction Program

Year 1 ~ Modified Calendar

2007 - 2008 Course Syllabus (Tentative Topics)

Session	Date	Topic	Materials/Resources Needed
Summer Institute	July 17 & 18 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. @ Leis Center	A Great Beginning: Preparing for the first day and first weeks of school	
Session 1	Monday, August 13 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Beginning of the Year Reflection Program Expectations Back to School Night	Proactive Professional Challenge (Summer Institute attendees only)
Session 2	Monday, August 27 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Instructional Management: The Language Arts Basics Lesson Design and Planning	KDG: <i>Early Foundations of Literacy</i> Grades 1-6: <i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations</i> Complete Set
Session 3	Monday, Sept. 24 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	The Language Arts Block Planning & Conducting Parent Conferences	KDG: <i>Early Foundations of Literacy</i> Grades 1-6: <i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations</i> Complete Set
Autumn Institute	Saturday, Sept. 29 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. @ Leis Center	Saturday Workshop: Classroom Management and Instructional Practices	For teachers hired after the Summer Institute
Session 4	Monday, Oct. 22 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Strengthening Technology Use in Classroom Lessons	<i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations: Setting Goals</i> <i>Language Arts Lesson</i>
Session 5	Monday, Nov. 19 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Anecdotal Records in Writing Guided Reading	KDG: <i>Early Foundations of Literacy</i> Grades 1-6: <i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations</i> Complete Set Student writing sample
Session 6	Monday, Dec. 17 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	The Math Block: Planning and Management	Math FCPS <i>Program of Studies</i> Guide <i>Math Standards of Learning Teacher</i> <i>Math Curriculum Framework</i>
Session 7	Monday, Jan. 14 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Revisiting Classroom Management Seminar Topics: Review, Reflect, and Revisit	
Session 8	Monday, Feb. 25 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Differentiated Instruction: Meeting the Needs of ALL Students	<i>Diversity in the Classroom Series</i> • <i>Organizing for Instruction</i> • <i>Setting the Stage</i> • <i>In the Beginning</i> <i>ESOL Students in the Elementary Classroom</i>
Session 9	Monday, March 10 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Putting the Pieces Together: Strengthening Language Arts Lessons	<i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations: Setting Goals</i> <i>Language Arts Lesson</i>
Session 10	Monday, Apr. 21 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Putting the Pieces Together: Strengthening Math Lessons	<i>Primary Purposes or Expanding Expectations: Setting Goals</i> <i>Language Arts Lesson</i>
Celebration	Monday, June 2 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. @ Location TBD	Reflection and Celebration	

Note: Participation in Great Beginnings Blackboard Discussions and attendance at all seminar sessions is expected. Many sessions will require use of FCPS laptop.