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Educators Increase Exposure to Brain Exercises

Over 35 Kansas teachers recently attended a workshop to help them in having young children adjust to going to school full-time.

The workshop, called All-Day Kindergarten, was held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University Thursday, June 14, 2007. The one-day workshop was attended by 36 teachers from across the state.

The workshop's presenters, Karla Fisher and Kaylee Myers, have been co-teaching for six years. Through trial and error, they have developed what is considered to be a model all-day kindergarten program. The language rich environment takes the curriculum deeper, not wider, and bases instruction on a kindergarten child's favorite topic—ME! The differentiated program provides a foundation for each student's desire to read, write and problem solve.

Fisher has taught preschool through third grade, in western Kansas and, for the last 15 years, in the Manhattan-Ogden school district. Twelve of those years have been in the all-day kindergarten in a Title 1 school where over 60% of the students are considered to be at risk and mobility can be a barrier to children's learning.

Myers has 10 years classroom experience in kindergarten through fourth grade and two years as curriculum coordinator for a school-based family literacy program. The settings of her career have ranged from inner city and affluent Las Vegas to at-risk smaller populations.

For more information about this workshop, contact Terri Weast at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, tweast@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

USD 202, Turner-Kansas City –
Merry Anderson, Oralia Seals

USD 253, Emporia –
Jill Brown

USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden –
Debra Schapaugh

USD 231, Gardner Edgerton –
Cheryl Holtgraver

USD 267, Renwick –
Renee Ewert, Diane Faber, Lois Kreidler

USD 386, Madison-Virgil –
Amber Redeker

USD 234, Fort Scott –
Paula Fleury, Julie Reynolds, Sabrina
Terry

USD 306, Southeast of Saline –
Jennifer Burgardt, Sharlene Ramsey,
Rosetta Wiles

USD 398, Peobody-Bruns –
Mary Thiessen

USD 243, Lebo-Waverly –
Frances Ramirez

USD 365, Garnett –
Caroline Ludolph

USD 402, Augusta –
Michelle Kelly, Lisa Terry

USD 245, LeRoy-Gridley –
Donna Luney

USD 368, Paola –
Jamie Anderson, Tammy Cole, Diane
Gray, Virginia Haffener, Niki Haley, Russ
Hemreck, Julie Miller, Jenny Nash, Callie
Smail

USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley –
Jill Kitselman, Debbie Reser, Melissa
Scheele

USD 252, Southern Lyon County –
Sheila Broyles

USD 512, Shawnee Mission –
Karen Spratlin, Joy Waldstein

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