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## Educators Learn to Use Colors to Enhance Literacy Skills

Nearly 20 Kansas teachers recently attended workshops using color to help their students improve their basic literacy skills.

The workshops, called “RAINBOWing Readiness,” “RAINBOWing I,” and “RAINBOWing Level II,” were held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University June 18, 19-20, and 21, respectively.

“As a veteran teacher, I believe color enhances learning and excites kids of all ages which assists in analyzing reading and writing to be more applicable in composition later,” said Judy Henry, the workshops’ presenter.

Henry explained RAINBOWing uses typical “Crayola” colors as a tool to teach the writing process and to enhance students’ ability to understand written text. Henry is the creator and developer of the RAINBOWing process. She has over 30 years of teaching experience in grades three through eight, and served as chairperson on the committee for the Kansas Writing Standards which were approved by the Kansas Board of Education in 2004.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu. Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

June 18, RAINBOWing Readiness –

USD 253, Emporia -  
Jill Brown

USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden -  
Debra Schapaugh

USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley -  
Carrie Lingenfelter

Three Lakes Ed Coop -  
Mary Kay Woods

Unaffiliated - Janet Thooft

June 19-20, RAINBOWing I –

USD 264, Clearwater -  
Trisha Clevenger

USD 284, Chase County -  
Tammy Jirak

USD 343, Perry -  
Janet Williams

USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley -  
Peggy Burkdoll, Sherry Reed

USD 481, Rural Vista -  
Linda Polston

Three Lakes Ed Coop -  
Mary Kay Woods

Unaffiliated - Janet Thooft

June 21, RAINBOWing Level II –

USD 251, North Lyon County -  
Barbara Schmidt

USD 329, Mill Creek Valley -  
Kathy Hendricks

USD 360, Caldwell -  
Jan Fitzsimmons

USD 373, Newton -  
Mary Beck, Janel Sisson

USD 385, Andover -  
Julie Detter, Adrienne Stenholm

USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley -  
Linda Carson

USD 481, Rural Vista -  
Linda Polston

Three Lakes Ed Coop -  
Mary Kay Woods

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