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Educators Expand Abilities in Building Student Vocabularies

Kansas teachers recently attended a workshop to help their students improve their literacy skills.

The workshop, called “Implementing ‘The Daily 5’,” was held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University Tuesday, July 8.

Sixteen teachers attended the workshop which focused on “The Daily Five,” a series of literacy tasks (reading to self, reading with someone, writing, word work, and listening to reading) which students complete daily while the teacher meets with small groups or confers with individuals.

Goals of the program included developing and using:

- independent literacy centers in the elementary classroom,
- meeting the needs of students in small group instruction, and
- helping students develop productive daily habits in reading, writing, and working with words.

Erin Pittenger, the workshop’s presenter, is currently studying curriculum and instruction at KSU with an emphasis in language arts. Erin was KQLA Teacher of the Month in May of 2006 and a recipient of the 2006 Kansas State Horizon’s Award.

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:

USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton –
Karla Laffoon
Amy Swan

USD 233, Olathe –
Katie Glasscock

USD 243, Lebo –
Tamera Krause

USD 252, Madison –
Janell Curry

USD 253, Emporia –
Nancy Meinholdt

USD 290, Ottawa –
Angie Daugharthy
Kathleen Waymire

USD 343, Perry –
Paula Patterson
Lisa Scrimsher

USD 380, Vermillion –
Kate Koch

USD 383, Manhattan –
Debra Schapaugh

USD 464, Tonganoxie –
Janet Falk
Brenda Frost
Kayla Sandhoefner
Linda Vernon

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