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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 "The Daily 5 plus," was held at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University Thursday, November 5.

Nearly 20 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. This workshop delved into an assessment system used to help with small group guided reading sessions with students.

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 230, Spring Hill –
Jacqueline Fursman

USD 289, Wellsville –
Beth Dial
Stephanie Salsberry
Marcy Wiseman
Natalie Wrobel

USD 330, Mission Valley –
Alicia Christiansen
Diana Converse

USD 345, Seaman –
Patty Clark
Jeanna Cloud
Hollie Copeland
Karen Di Leonardo
Rita Harding
Rojene Willard

USD 435, Abilene –
Kelli Fangman
Sarah Rogers
Sharon Smith
Jessica Smith

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