

SAES Early Learning Retreat 2009
June 18 & 19
Embassy Suites - Houston, TX

Agenda

Thursday, June 18

Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests

8:30 Arrival

9:00 Opening Session with Susan MacHugh

Circle Time Success - Music should be integrated into every area of the infant, toddler, and preschooler's daily curriculum. The staff needs to support the children's natural love of music by providing a wide variety of musical activities in small and large group settings that will boost their memory, attention, and learning. See how the singing bag, puppets, props, and CD's can provide the necessary ingredients for making circle time and transitions a fun and educational part of each day.

10:30 Break

10:45 Session II - Susan MacHugh

Math Monkey's Magical Moments - Learn how to create a developmentally appropriate mathematics program for the early childhood classroom. See how you can bring the concept of sets, shapes, measurement, spatial awareness, patterning, one-to-one correspondence, numbers and numerals, and problem solving into the classroom using props and music to capture a young child's attention and interest.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Session III - Susan MacHugh

Sensory Science Centers - Build upon young children's natural interest by creating an environment that encourages children to use all of their senses...seeing, listening, smelling, tasting, and hands-on manipulation. See how to develop a variety of discovery centers inside the classroom and on the playground. Learn how to expand the science program by providing activities that encourage the children to explore, take risks, and have a joyful experience.

2:00 Break

2:15 Session III - Susan MacHugh

Make and Take - Participants will have the opportunity to make patterns for many of the props Susan MacHugh will use in her presentations. Tracing paper, scissors and markers will be provided. Participants are encourage to bring cameras in order to take home pictures of the props as they should look when finished. This opportunity will help to transfer new ideas from the workshop to early childhood classrooms.

3:30 Wrap Up discussion to close the day

Friday, June 19

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9:00 Arrival

9:30 **Storytelling Using Children's Art with Bill Gordh**

11:00 **Break / Bill Gordh Book Signing**

11:30 **Early Childhood Chapel Suggestions and Closing Chapel led by Bill Gordh**