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Fall Professional Learning Classes

August-December 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT...

Griffin RESA is pleased to announce three new endorsement opportunities beginning this fall. Cohorts are now being formed for:

- **Blended-Online Gifted Endorsement**
- **K-5 Mathematics Endorsement**
- **K-5 Science Endorsement**

For information and applications, go to the Endorsement link on our website at www@griffinresa.net

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION...

Georgia Teacher Evaluation Program (GTEP) Training

August 30, 2010-January 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Training in the contents and scoring system for the instrument, and the Georgia Teacher Evaluation Program administrative procedures

Georgia Leadership Evaluation Instrument (GLEI) Training

September 9, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Training will cover the contents, scoring system, and use of the Georgia Leadership Evaluation Instrument for evaluating employees in leadership positions.

Georgia Media Specialist Evaluation Instrument (GMSEI) Training

September 21, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Training will cover the contents of the GMSEI, the scoring system for the instrument and the Georgia Media Specialist Evaluation Program administrative procedures.

Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Instrument Training (GSCEI)

September 22, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Training will cover the contents of the GSCEI, the scoring system, and the Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Program administrative procedures.

Georgia Speech & Language Pathologist Evaluation Instrument (GSLPEI) Training

September 23, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Training will cover the contents of the GSLPEI, the scoring system, and the Georgia School Counselor Evaluation Program administrative procedures.

Georgia School Psychologist Evaluation Instrument (GSPEI) Training

September 28 & 29, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Training will cover the contents of the GSPEI, the scoring system for the instrument and the School Psychologist Evaluation Program administrative procedures.

For more information or to register, go to griffinresa.net

MATHEMATICS – Teacher Choice Series...

The Teacher Choice Series allows you to mix and match classes to earn PLU credits. Choose any 2 classes for 1 PLU, or 4 classes, for 2 PLUs. No partial PLU credit will be awarded.

Teacher Choice Series: Building Number Sense in the Elementary Grades, Part I

August 31, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to teach young children (grades K-2) flexible “10 thinking” by building, visualizing, and mentally explaining relationships among numbers without solely relying on rote computational procedures.

Teacher Choice Series: Building Number Sense in the Elementary Grades, Part II

September 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to teach upper elementary children (grades 3-5) flexible “base-10 thinking” for whole numbers, decimals, and fractions by building, visualizing, and mentally explaining relationships among numbers without solely relying on rote computational procedures.

Teacher Choice Series: Building Number Sense in the Middle Grades

September 9, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Explore the Number and Operations strand in grades 5 through 8, looking specifically at building conceptual understanding of the various number systems, including rational numbers, integers, and irrational numbers. Teachers will investigate fraction, decimals, and integers using the CRA (concrete-representational-abstract) model of instruction, as well as examining concepts such as absolute value, square numbers, and square roots.

Teacher Choice Series: Building Proportional Reasoning

September 23, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Examine the essential understandings of proportional reasoning in grades 5 through 8, looking specifically at the importance of proportional reasoning in developing algebraic thinking. Specifically, teachers will investigate ratios, direct and inverse proportions, and the various representations of proportional relationships.

Teacher Choice Series: Using Games to Teach Mathematics

September 30, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn to use games in math class to build understanding and to practice skills in geometry, algebra, and number sense.

Teacher Choice Series: Singapore Box Diagramming, Part I, Grades K-5

November 3, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Experience building and drawing part-whole and comparison models of all four basic operations, fractions, ratios, percents, and basic algebra, and linking the drawings to abstract mathematical procedures and algorithms.

Teacher Choice Series: Singapore Box Diagramming, Part II, Grades 5-8

November 4, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Experience building and drawing part-whole and comparison models involving simple to complex algebra problems, and linking the drawing to abstract algebraic equations.

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Teacher Choice Series: Using Picture Books to Teach Mathematics

November 17, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Learn to use picture books to build interest in math and complement standards-based lessons in number sense, data analysis, geometry, and algebra.

Teacher Choice Series: Understanding Functions and Relations, Part I

December 2, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Examine patterns, relations, and functions, and their importance in developing algebraic thinking, specifically the ability to represent, analyze, and generalize those relations and functions with tables, graphs, words, and symbolic rules. Part I will focus on linear relationships and functions, including understanding slope and rate of change, arithmetic sequences, and scatter plots and lines of best fit.

Teacher Choice Series: Understanding Functions and Relations, Part II

December 9, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Examine patterns, relations, and functions, and their importance in developing algebraic thinking, specifically the ability to represent, analyze, and generalize those relations and functions with tables, graphs, words, and symbolic rules. Part II will focus on non-linear relationships and functions, including quadratics and other polynomial functions, piecewise and step functions, and exponential functions. Explore transformations and other characteristics of functions.

MATHEMATICS – Other...

K - 5 Mathematics Endorsement Information Session

August 12, 2010, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Overview of the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement Program currently under review by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

K - 5 Mathematics Endorsement Information Session

August 17, 2010, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Griffin RESA High School Math Consortium for Math I, II, and III

September 8, 2010 – March 9, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Develop instructional plans, discuss best practices, and share resources as you implement the Georgia Performance Standards. Each session will target particular content standards and elements of Math I, II, and III.

READING/WRITING/ELA...

The Teaching of Reading and Writing K-12

August 19 – November 18, 2010, 4:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Includes: best instructional practices, the nature of the struggling reader, the GPS for ELA, reading & writing across the curriculum, five domains of reading, and much more.

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Best Practices in Literacy Series for Intermediate Grades – Developing Vocabulary

September 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gain hands-on experience using activities that support a continuum of literacy development. Support student learning in all content areas, especially language arts, science, and social studies.

- *Learn how to choose appropriate words of study*
- *Examine strategies that activate prior knowledge*
- *Use best practices activities that increase word learning*

Best Practices in Literacy Series for Intermediate Grades – Comprehension I

October 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gain hands-on experience using activities that support a continuum of literacy development. Support student learning in all content areas, especially language arts, science, and social studies.

- *Learn how skills and strategies instruction differ.*
- *Explore the seven comprehension strategies.*
- *Discuss issues that impact students who struggle with the reading task.*

Best Practices in Literacy Series for Intermediate Grades – Comprehension II

November 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gain hands-on experience using activities that support a continuum of literacy development. Support student learning in all content areas, especially language arts, science, and social studies.

- *Learn basic fiction and non-fiction text structures.*
- *Use graphic organizers to help students organize thinking.*
- *Experience strategies that support higher order questioning.*

Best Practices in Literacy Series for Intermediate Grades – Reading/Writing Across the Curriculum

December 7, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Gain hands-on experience using activities that support a continuum of literacy development. Support student learning in all content areas, especially language arts, science, and social studies.

- *Explore before, during and after reading/writing strategies.*
- *Discuss current issues and research associated with adolescent literacy development and the teacher's role.*

Paraeducator Choice Series: Ramp Up Your Read-Aloud Time

December 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Learn to use the read-aloud time to connect to the English/Language Arts Georgia Performance Standards.

OTHER COURSES...

Identification and Education of the Exceptional Child

August 17– December 7, 2010, 4:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Learn about various disabling conditions, characteristics of specific disabilities, specific interventions and resources for meeting the needs of students with disabilities.

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