



Valley Stream Teacher Resource Center

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Summer Courses 2009

VSTRC is pleased to offer a series of courses dealing with the components of Writer's Workshop.

Course title	Dates	In-service Credit
<i>An Introduction to the Writer's Workshop</i>	Tuesday – Thursday July 7, 8, 9	1 credit
<i>Mini- Lessons to Support Writer's Workshop</i>	Friday- Tuesday July 10, 13, 14	1 credit
<i>Conferring in the Writer's Workshop</i>	Wednesday - Friday July 15, 16, 17	1 credit

An Introduction to the Writer's Workshop

In this course, teachers will learn the basic principles of establishing a rigorous, meaningful Writer's Workshop. We will focus on the philosophy underlying the workshop model and all of its components. Much attention will be paid to: building a strong literate community, immersing students in great literature, management techniques and forms, mini-lessons, conferring, and record keeping, flexible grouping of students for small group instruction, and assessment. Techniques and strategies will also be shared to avoid some of the predictable problems of workshop teaching. Come explore how powerful the workshop model can be for your students.

Dates: Tuesday – Thursday July 7, 8, 9
Time: 8:30 - 1:30
Place: Memorial JHS
Instructor: Peter Gangi

One in-service credit

Suitable for K-6 teachers



Mini Lessons to Support Writer's Workshop

Mini Lessons are the vehicle for whole class instruction in the Writer's Workshop. In this course participants will study the architecture of effective mini lessons. Strategies will be shared to create effective mini lessons that meet the needs of all learners. We will focus on several teaching methods to get your students actively engaged. Participants will have the opportunity to write a series of mini lessons for use in their classroom.

Dates: Friday - Tuesday July 10, 13, 14
Time: 8:30 - 1:30
Place: Memorial JHS
Instructor: Peter Gangi

One in-service credit

Suitable for K-6 teachers

Conferring in the Writer's Workshop

At the heart of Writer's Workshop is the one-on-one conferring with our students. Participants will learn the structure of effective conferences, as well as how to strengthen their conferring skills. The roles of teacher and student during the conference will be explored. Different teaching methods and determining what needs to be taught will be covered in detail. Record keeping and balancing conferences with small group work will also be discussed. Learn to develop your own materials and plan for predictable and productive conferences.

Dates: Wednesday - Friday July 15, 16, 17
Time: 8:30 - 1:30
Place: Memorial JHS
Instructor: Peter Gangi

One in-service credit

Suitable for K-6 teachers



~~Introduction to SMART Board~~

Enhance your ability to work with the SMART Board. Learn to incorporate this technology into daily classroom activities and instruction to increase student learning. Participants will have the opportunity to develop interactive lessons using SMART board tools and the internet. Watch your students' motivation soar!

Dates: Tuesday - Thursday July 7, 8, 9
Time: 8:30 – 1:30
Place: Memorial JHS
Instructor: Michael Neri

One in-service credit

Suitable for all teachers and staff

A Geometry Review

This course is designed for those math teachers and special education teachers of grades 7-12 who desire a review of the new high school Geometry course. Participants will review the course content, learn how to modify lessons, as well as learn teaching strategies to meet the needs of all learners to promote student success.

Dates: Tuesday - Thursday July 7, 8, 9, Tuesday - Wednesday July 14, 15
Time: 9:00 – 12:00
Place: North HS
Instructor: Ed Curran

One in-service credit

Suitable for math and special education teachers

Progress Monitoring for Educational and Behavioral Improvement

Learn the importance of monitoring progress to improve educational and behavioral success in school. The use of progress monitoring is becoming more important for effective outcomes and meeting educational mandates. You will learn to use practical concepts and tools, including how to identify, document, and track progress, how to find useful forms and information on the internet and how to use either paper and pencil or Excel for record keeping.

Dates: Tuesday - Thursday July 21, 22, 23
Time: 8:30 - 1:30
Place: Howell Road School Library
Instructor: Gaston Weisz, Psy.D.

One in-service credit

Suitable for all teachers, administrators, and service providers

Spotlight on the Authors K-3

This course will take an in-depth look at various authors suitable as mentors for young readers and writers in grades K-3. The studies presented will be designed to support instruction in both reading and writing. Authors such as Donald Crews, Lauren Child, Lois Ehlert, Charlotte Zolotow, Mem Fox and Kevin Henkes will be studied. Teachers will be given an opportunity to choose picture books and write lessons connecting reading and writing based upon their favorite authors.

Dates: Tuesday - Thursday July 21, 22, 23

Time: 8:30 – 1:30

Place: Memorial JHS

Instructor: Jennifer Brady

One in-service credit

Suitable for K-6 teachers

Intel Essentials for Teachers

Engage your students in the development of 21st century skills and the integration of technology for teaching and learning. Use on line resources and technology tools with your students to collaborate, analyze information, and problem solve.

With the Essential course curriculum participants will develop a project-based unit of instruction aligned to standards with multiple forms of student assessment. Leave the course prepared to effectively implement a technology rich unit that engages your students.

Dates: Monday - Friday July 27 - 31

Time: 8:00 – 2:00

Place: Memorial JHS

Instructor: Neil MacDermott

Note: This course is a two credit in service course. For an additional fee and hours you can register for graduate credit. In order to do this you must notify the Teacher Center no later than June 15.

Coping With Disruptive Student Classroom Behaviors

This course will focus on developing techniques and strategies targeted at coping with disruptive student behaviors manifested in the classroom. Topics of discussion will include but are not limited to proven methods found to de-escalate student/teacher conflict. Additionally, paradigms that build student's self-image and other proven tools to promote conflict resolution will be explored.

Dates: Monday - Wednesday August 3, 4, 5

Time: 8:30 – 1:30

Place: Memorial JHS

Instructor: Robert Vulpis

One in-service credit

Suitable for all teachers, psychologists, social workers, administrators

Teaching With Technology: Incorporate 21st Century Skills Into Your Life and Classroom!

Learn tips and tricks to incorporate practical technology skills into your lessons to motivate and capture your students' attention while increasing student learning. Explore various computer programs to support your curriculum projects while enhancing your own technology skills. This course is designed to meet the individual needs of the participants, so come with your ideas and questions! (Bring your curriculum maps, standards, etc.)

Dates: Tuesday – Thursday August 11, 12, 13

Time: 8:30 – 1:30

Place: Memorial JHS

Instructor: Marianne Barbera

One in-service credit

Suitable for teachers 5-12



Word Beyond the Basics

Word offers many features that are overlooked by the average user. This course is designed to be a hands on approach to fully utilize the Microsoft Word program. Projects stressing curriculum applications and student use of the program will also be developed. Utilize the various features of WORD to create exciting educational materials for you and your students. Incorporate visual components such as charts and graphs, photographs and clip art. Unleash your computer's potential and go beyond the basics!

Dates: Monday - Wednesday August 17, 18, 19

Time: 8:30 – 1:30

Place: Memorial JHS

Instructor: Harold Kench

One in-service credit

Suitable for all

Registration Form Summer 2009

Please check course(s) you wish to take and complete registration form below.
Mail payment and form to the Teacher Center **before June 15, 2009.**
Prior approval needed to receive credit from your district.

One In-Service Credit Courses (15 hours)

**\$25 course fee per class
Payable to VSTRC**

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Geometry Review

Progress Monitoring for Educational and Behavioral Improvement

Author's Study K-3

Intel Essentials for Teachers (Note: 2 credit course – \$50 registration fee)

Coping with Disruptive Classroom Behaviors

Teaching With Technology

Word Beyond the Basics

Valley Stream Teacher Resource Center at Memorial Jr. High School
320 Fletcher Ave, Room 51, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____ **Payable to VSTC**

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell # _____

School Name _____

Email _____

Call the Teacher Center at 561-1492 to reserve your place - registration limited

Registration due by June 15, 2009
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