

Conference Participant Comments on Mary Hynes-Berry's Keynote address

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Mary,

It was so very wonderful to see you on Saturday! Your keynote was so wonderful and the responses from participants have been very very enthusiastic. I wanted to give you a summary of the feedback from each session.

From the Keynote-

42 participants. 100% agreed that their knowledge and confidence as an early childhood educator increased. Some specific comments were:

We only learn what we understand

Conversation is the key

Give every child love everyday whether they behaved well or not- this is my new goal!

We are hired wired to do things that we feel emotionally rewarded for

Think of learning as problem solving and set stuff up so kids can solve problems

Math does not have to be a worksheet you can use materials to sort and that is math. I never realized math could be like that

LOVED the ABC's

30 seconds of love

Math and science can be learned using the world that we live in

The samples pulled from the group really increases engagement

Making the book was AWESOME

Essential ABC's was my favorite thing from the whole conference

Mathematize!!!

When walking outside with the children I want to take more time to allow them to observe nature.

From the smaller breakout session-

14 participants. 100% agreed that their knowledge and confidence as an early childhood educator increased. Some specific comments were:

Loved learning how to orchestrate preschoolers acting out a story

Kids need support and permission to feel bad

I need to revise my classroom rules! I have a lot to think about and that is good

Interact with a book do not just read it

Using drama story telling and play can make children more interested in books

Read with your heart to the children

Reading an object is something we talked about in book club and I loved then, but Mary made it even more inviting

Thank you again so very much!

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