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Presents:



Fingerplay Boot Camp:

Thursday May 13th 6:30 to 9:30 PM

(at the Westwood Unitarian Congregation 11135 - 65 Avenue)

With ECE/Storyteller Kevin MacKenzie www.storiesbykevin.com

The Workshop: An experience for those who work with young children.

A workshop to spark the long awaited fingerplay renaissance! Participants work in small and large groups to learn basic concepts and to exercise skills. Thorough handouts guarantee that no learning will be lost through all the giggling, chortling and guffawing that will comprise most of the session.

Who is Kevin MacKenzie?

Kevin MacKenzie is an Early Childhood Educator and professional storyteller who is passionate about child development. He has worked in early childhood; in schools, in adult literacy, with "at risk" youth, and he trains educators, therapists and storytellers in the art of being courageous and playful. His workshops are lively, hands-on events that leave you inspired, refreshed and motivated! Kevin is the author of the popular "Fingersplay!" DVD of original action rhymes and activities.

Visit his website, www.storiesbykevin.com and look under "Workshops" for a taste of this session.

Participants in Kevin's workshops have said:

... it was (an) extremely valuable experience, and I am so glad I attended. It re-affirmed my confidence and encouraged much creativity. I learned so much and look forward to putting these skills to use.

***F. Kozah, Prince George, BC

Captivating and motivational!

***Olivia Murphy, Saint John, NB

Unforgettable!

*** Trina Waterman, Charlottetown, PEI

Gives me the courage to try on my own.

***Barbara Gilland, Saint John, NB

Your enthusiasm is infectious!!!

***Jane Wilson, Basingstoke, England

Fingerplay Boot Camp

1-2-3 Guarantee!

Participants will acquire:

1 Enthusiasm!

- Olympic enthusiasm about fingerplays – everyone is a dynamic finger player!
- Passion for body rhymes by learning about their importance to brain development, physical, social, emotional well being
- Joy in the moment. The workshop is drastically entertaining. Participants will enjoy more laughs per hour than they could at any movie currently showing

2 Skills!

- Techniques to avoid the repetition trap – keeps you in the game and interested
- Spontaneity training – a system for creating new fingerplays on the fly, or adapting old ones by co creating with children
- Three golden rules of creativity – applicable to writing, improv, or any art!
- Wiggleproofing: Harness group contagion and refocus “fidgety” energy toward success
- The Power of Yes - coping strategies for difficult situations

3 The Goods - New Fingerplays and Rhymes!

- Kinesthetic quickies for successful story times
- Fill your sack with exciting new surefire rhymes
- Become a master of the art of **Big Sleeves** – always have delight up your sleeve

Fingerplays Matter!

Language is alive. - Language moves. - Language, especially in young children, is physical. Fingerplays, action rhymes, chants, and body language games are essential to growth. These special gifts are a way to honour children’s strong need to learn concepts and skills through motion, imitation, unity, creation and joy.

Fingerplays glue the children’s attention to the activities, to you, and to each other.

Fingerplays provide a flow between other storytime activities – a break, and a necessary vehicle for focusing wiggles and group contagion.

Save the Fingerplay!

Quite often, we get bored of the “Five Littles” (witches, pumpkins, sausages etc). Children do too. If we want children to love it, we have to first! We need new rhymes and strategies. We need to rethink our experience of fingerplays, and infuse a dynamic energy into our work. You'll bring a new life to your story times, which will open the door to joy, learning, and success. If you, the caregiver and teacher stay inspired, the children will too!

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Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 5th, 2010

Early Bird Registration Post Marked by April 20th
Space is Limited.

Westwood Unitarian Congregation 11135 - 65 Avenue Edmonton

Please mail your registration with cheque **MADE OUT TO:** Kevin MacKenzie
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Cost **\$60.00**
Early bird rate if post marked by April 20th – *only* **\$45.00**

NAME (s):

ORGANIZATION:

WORK ADDRESS:

WORK PHONE NUMBER:

HOME PHONE NUMBER (s) of Attendee (s):

WORK EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please include payment with your registration.

**Cheques should be made payable to Kevin MacKenzie –
Cheque #**

Your registration will be confirmed by **email**.

Kevin's DVD ***Fingersplay! Fingerplays and Action Rhymes for Children*** will be for sale.

Melinda Van Hove's Delightful Music CD ***Dippity Doo*** will also be available.

To test drive these valuable resources, please visit www.storiesbykevin.com

Cancellations up to March 24th refunded - but subject to \$20 administration fee

Cancellations after March 24th - no refund

Can't make this workshop but would attend another? Let us know at kevin@storiesbykevin.com or phone.