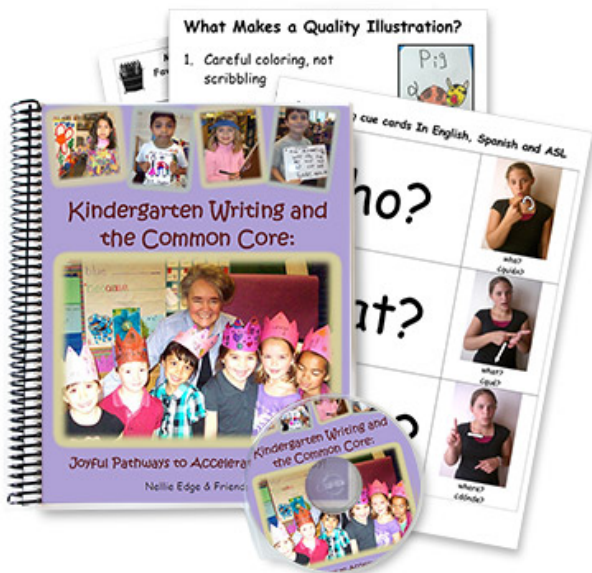
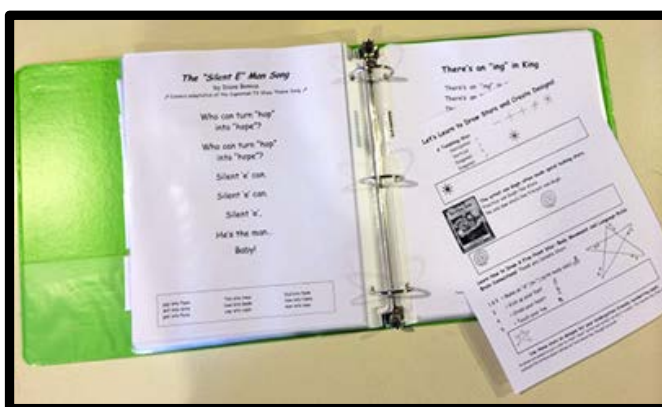
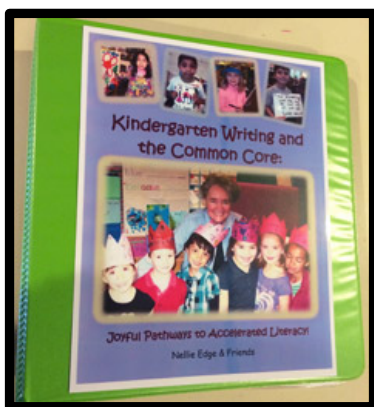
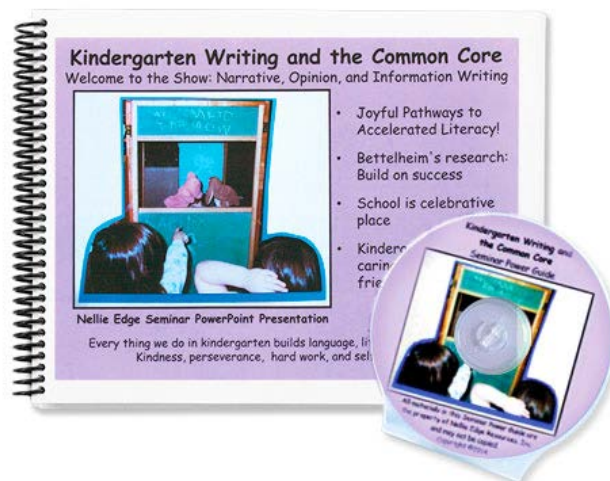


Kindergarten Writing and the Common Core



There are over 400 pages of practical strategies that dramatically accelerate early writing skills. The book features 10 high-impact writing strategies and includes vignettes of authentic literacy events and writing lessons that engage, delight, and motivate young writers to begin crafting narrative, opinion, and information texts. These proven practices from master Northwest teachers dramatically increase writing fluency, stamina, and motivation when used in tandem with any writing workshop model.

This full-color, digital collection is a treasure trove of inspiring and research-based strategies showing children engaged in meaningful and authentic writing experiences. Available for kindergarten teacher-leaders and instructional coaches involved in professional development and expanding the vision for excellent kindergarten writing instruction within their district. The slides correspond to the 10 highest-impact strategies, chapter by chapter, in the complete program, *Kindergarten Writing Seminar and the Common Core: Joyful Pathways to Accelerated Literacy*, by Nellie Edge, (2014), which includes writing manual, CD, and templates.



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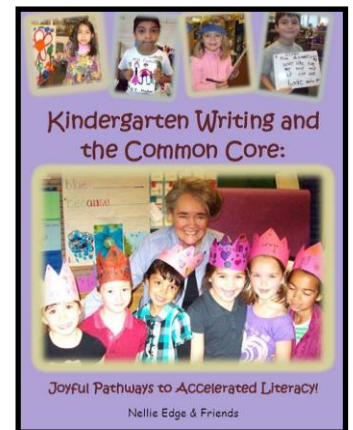
Explore These 10 Highest-Impact Writing Strategies

What are the high-impact writing practices that accelerate writing development? How do we differentiate instruction to simultaneously challenge and support diverse learners within the same kindergarten? How do we teach more intentionally, systematically, and create joyful pathways to the Common Core Standards? Authentic, meaning-centered literacy is the answer!



Study Group: *This symbol is for reflection: With our heart we know how to apply "best practices" research while we reach for the stars with the lives of our children.*

- Strategy 1 **Bond with Children, and Create a Joyful Learning Community, Rich in Songs, Poetry, Sign Language, and Celebrations.** Use collaborative experiences in the arts and deep connections with nature to engage the child in reading, writing, thinking, speaking, listening, and creating. (Read about the SMILE approach to joyful accelerated literacy.) ♡ pg 27
- Strategy 2 **Use Multisensory ABC and Phonics Immersion** with American Sign Language and Parents as Partners: Teach for mastery! ♡ pg 62, 66
- Strategy 3 **Begin Kindergarten-Friendly Handwriting with the "Name Ticket:"** Teach basic handwriting patterns through memorable songs, chants, and movement techniques. ♡ pg 94, 97
- Strategy 4 **Teach for Fluency with High-Frequency "Heart Words" and Provide Authentic Phonics Practice!** Sing, sign, spell, and write real words—systematically, playfully, and with great intention. ♡ pg 147, 151
- Strategy 5 **Create a Culture of Engaged and Purposeful Writers** with "Kid Writing" workshop and authentic writing experiences across the curriculum. Provide engaging minilessons that touch the heart and imagination of children. ♡ pg 181a, 194, 195
- Strategy 6 **Invite Children to Use Independent Writing and Drawing Centers** to practice their craft in a meaningful context and develop writing stamina. Make lists, messages, and "really cool" books. Thoughtfully provide "choice words" and responsive feedback to your children. ♡ pg 234, 236
- "We can choose to spoon-feed our children or we can teach them to be independent, self-regulated learners." - Nellie Edge*
- Strategy 7 **Introduce Well-loved Song Picture Books, Quality Fiction, and Nonfiction as Mentor Texts:** Build oral language patterns, voracious vocabulary learning habits, and a love of books. Involve children in book clubs, science exploration, and family research projects. Use literature to inform narrative, informational, and opinion writing. ♡ pg 250, 268, 270
- Strategy 8 **Publish Children's Books and Celebrate Young Authors in Simple and Delightful Ways!** Invite children to write, illustrate, revise, edit and publish their own books. Discover the powerful affirmation through word and song, 🎵 "Prolific Writers Are We!" ♡ pg 310, 312
- Strategy 9 **Use Ongoing Authentic Assessment** culminating in student-led parent conferences. Be systematic and intentional. End the year with simple and memorable celebrations of learning! ♡ pg 321
- Strategy 10 **Involve Parents as Partners** to nurture a love of writing and drawing, and to reinforce foundational literacy skills through authentic writing activities at home. Family literacy multiplies our teaching effectiveness. ♡ pg 332, 342



Create a culture of engaged young writers: Keep writing real!