



Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago
Early Childhood Connections Project:
Introduction to Project Approach-Building a Foundation
A Professional Development Opportunity

Teacher Application

Cook and Lake County Public Schools

Please check below:

New participant Past Participant (Please apply to Deepening Project Work)

Teacher's Name: _____

Name of co-teacher (in the same classroom) if applying same year

Teacher's Email: _____

School Name: _____

Principal's Name: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____

Zip code: _____

School Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Teacher's Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Home/Cell phone: _____

Student's grade level: Head Start ___ PK ___ K ___ 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___

Number of students in your classroom (a.m.) _____ (p.m.) _____ or (full day program) _____

Statistical Information: _____ % of children in your school on free or reduced lunch program (*must be 40% or more* to be eligible)

Please list the instructional language spoken in your classroom:

Learning To Grow.

Are you involved in any other initiatives or grants? Please list

*** Explain why you and your students should be selected for participation in this project (If necessary, please use a separate sheet of paper to expand. 3+ sentences recommended).*** Team teacher should submit separate statements.

How did you hear about the program?

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

Activities

1. **Attend and participate in three Professional Development (PD) workshops** at the Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview, Illinois 8:30 a.m. -3:30p.m. **Wednesday, October 21, Wednesday, December 9, and Wednesday, March 30.** Substitutes will be paid for by the museum.
2. **Participate in Evaluation and Assessment** – Museum Project Staff will **observe** select classrooms prior to the project and after the projects' completion. All participating teachers will be required to complete project journals and summaries, staff development evaluations, and pre- and post-attitude surveys.
3. **Plan, design, conduct and document** a child-centered project in each classroom between October 2015 and May 2016. Additional support from the museum provided if needed.
4. **Select and purchase project materials.** Each teacher will receive \$250 worth of classroom materials to support their projects. Materials will be purchased through Kohl Children's Museum and must support project work in the classroom.
5. **Schedule and attend one focused field trip** to Kohl Children's Museum between October 2015 and February 2016. All museum and bus fees will be paid for through the project.
6. **Schedule and conduct one Parent/Child Activity in your classroom.** (Activity kit provided by the museum.)

7. **Schedule, coordinate and participate in one Project Celebration (weekend)** at Kohl Children's Museum (April 9 and April 30). Bus fees will be paid for by Kohl Children's Museum. Teachers are required to schedule the bus and bring their project documentation to display at the Museum.
8. **Distribute Kohl Children's Museum Family Passes** to families of students involved in the project.
9. **Permission for Kohl Children's Museum** to use testimonials in reports and marketing materials.

Are you committed to participate in these activities? ____ Yes ____ No

Teacher's Signature

Date: _____

Approved: Principal's Signature

Date: _____

Please email or fax this form to Sarah Salto no later than May 18, 2015.

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