

#KINDERCHAT IS HIRING!!!

Available position(s): Chat moderators:

As you may know, the weekly [#kinderchat twitter chats](#) follow a rainbow format, with a theme for each colour. We rotate completely through the rainbow every 8 weeks. We are looking for moderators for each colour:

- **Red: Documentation & Assessment.** What and how do we document in regards to children's learning? What tools (high-tech and low-tech) are useful? How do we assess young children? How SHOULD we assess young children? The scope of this topic goes far beyond testing and portfolios!
- **Orange: Curriculum Areas.** The scope and sequence of the various subject areas. Includes the academic areas of literacy, numeracy, and science, as well as physical education, creative pursuits, and the fine arts.
- **Yellow: Child Development.**
- **Green: Nature & Experiential Learning**
- **Blue: Research & Readings**
- **Indigo: Policy, Issues, and Current Events in Early Childhood Education**
- **Violet: Toys and Tools (including, but not limited to, tech)**

Positions are for a 10 month term, beginning in August 2013 and ending in June 2014.

If you moderated for us in 2012-13, you will notice that we have changed the rainbow topics slightly, to reflect our belief that play should be embedded into all areas.

As a chat moderator, you are responsible for:

- Selecting and scheduling the topics for your colour (we keep a running google doc of suggested, requested, and possible chat topics)
- Entering those topics into the #kinderchat google calendar
- Recruiting and communicating with any invited guests
- Any pre-chat preparation or research- sharing books or articles to read, posting blog entries, etc
- Preparing discussion points and/or questions for your topic
- Moderating the chat on your designated weeks (colours recur on an 8 week cycle)
- Communicating with us (Amy & Heidi) about your progress and plans

Qualified candidates:

- Have actively participated in #kinderchat in the past
- Are comfortable using google docs and google calendar
- Are able to commit to being present and "in charge" of the chat every 8 weeks (ends up about 5 chats per year per topic colour)

- Have excellent communication skills, even when limited to 140 characters
- Are comfortable directing (and sometimes re-directing) a multi-thread, multi-person conversation
- Can put up with Amy and Heidi's neuroses about "what if we throw a chat and NOBODY COMES??"

Moderator positions could easily be shared between 2 people, but both people must apply and partnerships must be mutually requested.

Sure you want to go ahead with this? Interested candidates can apply here:

[#Kinderchat 2013-14 Moderator Application](#)