

*"An environment is not just the pieces of furniture. An environment also tells me this is a really nice place to be. When I come in, someone looks in my eyes and welcomes me."*

*Suzanne Williamson, MA Executive Director Monday Morning, Inc.*

Good morning on this last day of summer 2023!

### ***Updates, Reminders, and Instructional Supports...***

***(Teacher Evaluation Standard III: Teachers Know the Content They Teach, Teacher Evaluation Standard IV: Teachers Facilitate Learning for Their Students, & Standard V: Teachers Reflect on Their Practice)***

**TREES STUDY LESSON PLANS:** Week 1 Trees Study lesson plans are to be completed by this Thursday for implementation the week of October 2. You may refer to the Curriculum Resources section of the Playbook for lesson planning support documents.

**PARENT HANDBOOKS ~ SPANISH:** Spanish Handbooks are now available. Let me know how many you need and I will get them to you next week.

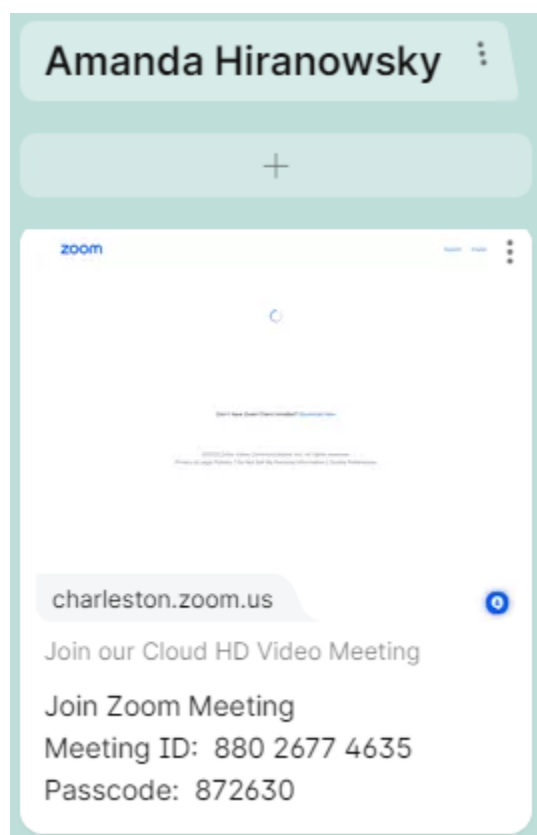
**SEPTEMBER 25:** Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas ~ *Are you interested in maximizing positive child outcomes by offering Choice Time? Are you curious about how you can intentionally address the Objectives for Development and Learning within interest areas? If so, Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas, is for you! During this 6-hour advanced session for users of The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, participants will discover techniques for facilitating important content learning, including literacy and mathematics learning, in interest areas. Participants will be introduced to a collection of helpful teaching strategies that nurture creativity, encourage problem-solving, and engage children in critical thinking. Through discussions and activities, teachers will examine their role in supporting, and extending, high quality play experiences during Choice Time. Additionally, teachers will practice aligning Objectives for Development and Learning, along with associated supporting strategies, to child-led play scenarios. Participants will leave the session equipped with the tools and skills needed to make Choice Time one of the most important and impactful times of the instructional day.*

This professional development will be presented to each coaching cohort in their own Zoom room. Our facilitator will be Amanda Hiranowsky and we will **begin** promptly at 8:00, break for lunch from 11:30-12:30, and **end** at 3:30. All teachers are expected to attend and certificates will be awarded for participating in this training.

You will need to **print the handouts** located in the [September 25 PD Handout & Resources GD folder](#) and have them with you for the training. An electronic Objectives for Development & Learning (ODL) book is included in the resources, but you may want to reference your copy of Volume 6 instead.

### **NOTES:**

- Come prepared with [handouts](#), writing instrument, Objectives for Development and Learning (ODL) book, and paper
- Dress as if participating in in-person PD
- Limit distractions by setting up in a private space
- Log in 10 minutes prior to the start of the session (*This ensures you have access to the PD.*)
- MUTE yourself when you join the Zoom
- Keep cameras on during presentation (may turn off at breaks/lunch)
- Actively participate in all engagement activities throughout the session



**SEPTEMBER 26 PLC SESSIONS:** Reference your Tuesday, September 19 email for information and to sign up for your session. Only new TEACHERS may sign up for the New Teacher session.

**QUICK LINKS TO PROGRAM SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:**

[Meck Pre-K Playbook for teachers](#)

[McClanahan Cohort - SharePoint](#)

*NEW document links ~*

Communication section: [Teacher Licensure](#) - [MECK Pre-K Policy](#)

Curricular Resources section: **Rock Your School** [September](#)

**INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORTS:**

[Pacing Guide](#)

[MECK Pre-K SharePoint Resource Folder](#)

[McClanahan's Pre-k Pages](#) site:

*NOTE: If you are looking for a particular resource, there is a search icon at the top, right corner of each page on my site.*

## September 25 - September 29

Study	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	25 Workday	26 <i>Zoom PLC</i>	27	28	29 <i>Rock Your School Day</i>
BCC	<b>PD: Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas</b>	<b>Day 16</b> <b>Second Step: W4 D1</b> Puppet Script <b>Small Group: ITC LL04</b> Bookmaking <b>Read Aloud 1:</b> Love is a Family <b>PAC:</b> PA: The Was an Old Lady, CAP: print concepts, AK: MM92 Name Cheer <b>Alphabet Knowledge</b> <b>Focus:</b> Own Name Advantage	<b>Day 17</b> <b>Second Step: W4 D2</b> Story/Discussion <b>Small Group: IT LL04</b> Bookmaking <b>Read Aloud 1:</b> Penny Butter Fudge? (1) <b>PAC:</b> PA: Read Kevin and His Dad, CAP: print contains message <b>Alphabet Knowledge</b> <b>Focus:</b> Own Name Advantage	<b>Day 18</b> <b>Second Step: W4 D3</b> Skill Practice 1 <b>Small Group: ITC LL04</b> Bookmaking <b>Read Aloud 1:</b> Love is a Family (2) <b>PAC:</b> PA: Piece it Together (compound words), AK: Letter Tree <b>Alphabet Knowledge</b> <b>Focus:</b> Own Name Advantage	Celebration of Learning

*Dates to Remember...*

**September**

- 25 - Teacher Workday - PD Teacher & Child Interactions
- 26 - Zoom PLC
- 29 - Building Classroom Community study ends - Celebration of Learning

**October**

- 01 - Trees study begins
- 10 - PLC meeting (Mint Hill Library)
- 16 - PAST assessment window opens
- 18 - Early Release Day - PD TBA
- 24 - Zoom PLC
- 26 - Trees study ends - Celebration of Learning
- 27 - Simple Machines study begins
- 27 - PAST assessment window closes

**November**

- 03 - Last day to enter TSG notes for 1st Trimester
- 06 - Teacher Workday - PD Mathematics in Creative Curriculum
- 06 - 1st Trimester Checkpoint window opens
- 10 - HOLIDAY
- 14 - PLC Meeting (Mint Hill Library)
- 17 - Checkpoint window closes - Finalize ALL checkpoints
- 20 - Parent Teacher Conferences begin
- 22 - Annual Leave
- 23 - HOLIDAY
- 24 - HOLIDAY
- 28 - Zoom PLC

*Now on to my schedule...*

*I plan on following this visit schedule but will adjust as needs arise.*

*\*mentee 1:1 during Quiet Time or after dismissal*

Monday, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29
TWD - PD	Cadence Academy – Raintree	Sunshine House (author visit)	Crossway Academy	Smart Kids 7

	<i>(onboarding new staff)</i>  <b>PLC</b>	<b>Smart Kids 7</b> <i>(after school lesson planning support)</i>	<b>CN 95</b> <i>(Brigance)</i>  <b>Alliance - McAlpine*</b> <i>(mentor visit)</i>	<b>TBD</b>
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See you in Zoom on Monday!

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