

#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: Classroom Management & Child Development.** Integrating developmental research in the classroom, principles of developmentally appropriate practice, meeting children's developmental needs, concepts of school readiness, accommodating developmental delays. Also dealing with behaviour, sharing tips & techniques to manage individual children's needs in a group setting.
- **Green: Nature & Experiential Learning.** Exposing kids to nature, both in the classroom and outdoors. Integrating curriculum areas in a nature-based program. Environmental awareness and stewardship with young children, This is NOT about recess, but about incorporating the natural world into the classroom in a myriad of ways.
- **Blue: Research & Readings.** Finding and sharing an article or reading focused on research that is relevant to the Early Childhood field, and facilitating a structured, reflective discussion about the reading. Moderators for this topic need to be prepared to tweet out the link to the reading at least 24 hours in advance of their scheduled chat dates.
- **Indigo: Policy, Issues, and Current Events.** Discussing an issue (often from the socio-political sphere) that is connected and relevant to the field of Early Childhood Education. This could include issues such as poverty, nutrition, social justice, racism, that are not directly related to our field, but which affect the work we do every day. Also includes funding models, teacher work conditions, educational policy around curriculum, class size, etc.

- **Violet: Toys and Tools.** The materials, supplies, tools, tips, tricks, that make our jobs easier. This is NOT just a tech topic! Everything from glue management to classroom furnishings is relevant here.

Positions are for a 10 month term, beginning in September 2014 and ending in June 2015.

If you moderated for us in the past, you will notice that we have changed the rainbow topics slightly, to reflect our belief that play should be embedded into all areas, and that technology can have a place in a wide variety of topics (and for some, may have no place at all.)

As a chat moderator, you are responsible for:

- Selecting and scheduling the topics for your colour
- 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

New this year: our goal is to have a team of 4 moderators for each colour - 2 from each time slot (Europe/Africa, and North America/Asia). These moderator teams are responsible for communicating with one another to select each week's topic, such that both timeslots are discussing the same topic on any given week.

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??"

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

[#Kinderchat 2014-15 Moderator Application](#)