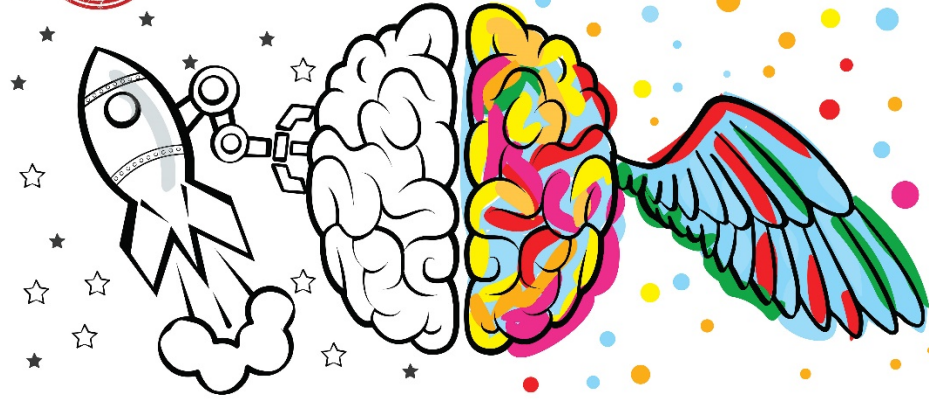




35th Annual R.T. Garcia
Early Childhood Winter Conference



Breakout Sessions for #ECWC21

8:00 a.m. Opening and Welcome

Keynote Speakers

Eric Litwin

Original Author of Pete the Cat, The Nuts, and Groovy Joe!

The Power of Joyful Reading



Eric Litwin is a song singing, guitar strumming, # 1 New York Times Best Selling, award winning author who brings early literacy and music together. He is the original author of the Pete the Cat series as well as the author of The Nuts and Groovy Joe. Eric books are designed to be both read and joyfully experienced. And the more fun the more learning. Eric's books have sold over 13 million copies, been translated into 17 languages, and won 26 literacy awards including a Theodor Geisel Seuss Honor Award.



Dr. Kenneth Wesson

Early Brain Research and Dealing with Today's New Normal in Early Learning
(Sponsored by Frog Street Press)

Dr. Wesson regularly addresses educational organizations, counseling associations, school districts, and parenting organizations on the subject of "brain-considerate" learning environments. In addition to his speeches on the neuroscience of learning, Wesson speaks about early brain development, design and engineering, STEM and ST2REAM, and social-emotional learning.

8:15-9:15	9:20-10:20	10:25-11:25	11:25-12:00	12:00-1:00	1:05-2:05	2:10-3:10	3:10-3:30
Morning Keynote	Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Lunch & Vendor Expo	Afternoon Keynote	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Closing Session
Eric Litwin	Dr. Laura Jana Pediatrician, Author, and Connector of Dots <i>From Cradle to Career: Cultivating 21st Century Skills for Success</i>	Dr. Melanie Johnson CEO Collaborative for Children <i>Where do We Go from Here: Rebuilding Stronger Child Care Systems of Care in the Gulf Coast Region</i>		Dr. Kenneth Wesson	Bilingual Keynote Speaker 12:45-2:45 Ernesto Mejia <i>I Am My Parent's American Dream</i>		Conference Namesake, Mr. Raymond Garcia
	Dr. Debbie Diller Author and Educator <i>Simply Stations: Meaningful Standards-Based Partner Practice for Literacy</i>	Dr. Debbie Diller Author and Educator <i>Using Shared Reading to Develop Foundational Literacy Skills</i>			Dr. Debbie Diller Author and Educator <i>Decisions, Decisions... What to Do in Small Groups for Reading</i>	Dr. Laura Jana Pediatrician, Author, and Connector of Dots <i>From Cradle to Career: Cultivating 21st Century Skills for Success</i>	
	Dr. Cherry Ross-Gooden Retired Associate Professor of Education Texas Southern University	Mary Jo Huff Author, Storyteller and Puppeteer <i>Story Play: Building Language and Literacy One Story at a Time</i>			Mary Jo Huff Author, Storyteller and Puppeteer <i>PUPPET PLAY: 10 Best Reasons to Use a Puppet</i>	Dr. Cherry Ross-Gooden Retired Associate Professor of Education Texas Southern University	

	<i>"More Than Just a Label"</i>				<i>"More Than Just a Label"</i>	
	Dr. Vicki Gibson Texas A&M University <i>Aligning Instruction, Practice and Assessment with the Texas PreK Guidelines and Revised Texas TEKS</i>	Dr. Vicki Gibson Texas A&M University <i>Simple Tools for Understanding Revised Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines</i>			Dr. Vicki Gibson Texas A&M University <i>Classroom and Behavioral Management for Preschools</i>	Cierra Nickerson Harris County Department of Education <i>Resilience for Educators</i>
	Dan St. Romain Educational Consulting LLC <i>Anxious Kids - Anxious Teachers</i>	Dan St. Romain Educational Consulting LLC <i>Top Five Tips for Our New Virtual Education Reality</i>			Dan St. Romain Educational Consulting LLC <i>Lost in Translation: Promoting Healthy Home-School Communication</i>	LeeAnn Flores Sheldon ISD <i>Why Is My Student Doing That? 5 Strategies that can make your days run smoothly</i>
	Dr. Mechiel Rozas Teaching Strategies <i>How do I Meet the Academic Needs of All My Students? Early Childhood Differentiation</i>	Stephen Fite Melody House <i>Engaging Children with Music & Movement</i>			Stephen Fite Melody House <i>Engaging Children with Music & Movement</i>	Dr. Mechiel Rozas and Cindy Puryear Teaching Strategies <i>Balance Literacy as an Agent for Equity and Rigor</i>

	<i>Made Manageable!</i>					
	Dr. Gilberto Soto Texas A&M International University Professor of Music Education <i>Using Music and Movement in the Dual Early Childhood Bilingual Classrooms</i>	Gayle Fischer Getting Sorted: Empowering the World of Neurodiversity / Learning Differences <i>What if the Child Misses Phonetic Awareness? What Can You Do?</i>			Gayle Fischer Getting Sorted: Empowering the World of Neurodiversity / Learning Differences <i>Building a Positive ARD Experience: Working Together with the LEA to Create Better Opportunities for Students</i>	Dr. Gilberto Soto Texas A&M International University Professor of Music Education <i>Using Music and Movement in the Dual Early Childhood Bilingual Classrooms</i>
	Dr. Carrie Cutler University of Houston <i>Helping Parents Help Kids Love Math: Math-Positive Games and More!</i>	Melissa Jones and Nicole Donaldson Waller ISD <i>Shared Reading: The Superglue That Makes Literacy Skills Stick</i>			Codi Freeman Galena Park ISD University of Houston-Clear Lake <i>Early Childhood Guided Reading/Small Group Lesson Cycle</i>	Gayle Fischer Getting Sorted: Empowering the World of Neurodiversity / Learning Differences <i>Childhood Learning Differences Interventions, Sensory Integration & Movement</i>
	Abbey Sickorez and Sybil Yancy Clear Creek ISD	Robin Rettie Lighthouse Learning Resources			Michelle Nixon Cypress-Fairbanks ISD	Dr. Jim Ewing

	<p><i>Engaging all the Senses</i></p>	<p><i>Building foundations for self-regulation and SEL in trusting inclusive learning environments</i></p>			<p><i>Fun with Phonological Awareness</i></p>	<p>Stephen F. Austin University <i>Math for ELs, for both the Classroom and Distance Learning</i></p>	
	<p>Savannah Rave Alief ISD <i>Creating a Mindful Classroom</i></p>	<p>Katie Chennisi Harris County Public Health <i>Nature Play Every Day with OLE!</i></p>			<p>Irvin Shannon Los Angeles Unified School District <i>Rethinking Behavioral Interventions for Increased Academic Success</i></p>	<p>Silvia Dorta-Duque de Reyes National Biliteracy Consultant <i>Building Biliteracy through Cross-Linguistic Transfer in PK</i></p>	
	<p>Ernesto Rodriguez Scholastic Education <i>Talk Matters: Focusing on Meaningful Conversations</i></p>	<p>Brandy Alexander Cypress-Fairbanks ISD <i>Blending Learning FUN for ELs</i></p>			<p>Dr. Tammy Russell Walden University <i>Family Engagement in the Virtual Environment</i></p>	<p>Yvonne Lopez Taylor Aldine ISD Beautiful Oops</p>	
	<p>Breeyn Mack Teaching Strategies <i>Do Ants Have Teeth? Teaching Science Through</i></p>	<p>Brittney Cohen Tomball ISD <i>Navigating Schoology</i></p>			<p>Gloria Diaz de Vargas Hempstead ISD <i>Symbaloo – The Best Way to Organize Your Favorite Websites</i></p>	<p>Emily Puente Klein ISD <i>Shared Reading</i></p>	

	<i>Meaningful Inquiry</i>					
	Jesse Gershuny Institute for Technology and Pedagogy Let's Go Live: Navigating Enrichment Activities on Social Media	Brandy Alexander Cypress Fairbanks ISD <i>Googlifying Your Monitoring Notebooks</i>			Joy Sloan and Doris Tomas Oilfield Energy Center <i>Busy Hands: Engaging Strategies for the Early Childhood</i>	Yasmin Barrera Harris County Public Health <i>The Tooth about Dental Health!</i>
	Lucy Martinez Harris County Public Health: Nutrition and Chronic Disease Prevention <i>Why Aren't You Eating? Serving Sizes and Picky Eaters</i>	Erika Flores and Dr. Xuan Li Children Flow <i>Building Resilience during COVID-19</i>			Lauren Ford Houston ISD <i>Leaning in to Learning: Decreasing Goliath Gap during Covid-19</i>	Amelia Hewitt and Kim Pinkerton University of Houston – Downtown <i>Literacy and Play, The Natural Way!</i>
	Antonia Adams Houston ISD <i>Interactive Word Walls</i>	Nicole Shanahan and Brenda Arteaga Harris County Department of Education <i>Teaching Number with a Rekenrek in the Bilingual Classroom (K-2)</i>			Kelly Tummy Harris County Department of Education <i>Building Inclusive Literacy with Maps in PreK and Kindergarten</i>	Alleigh Stewart Harris County Public Health <i>Learning Stem's from Play</i>
	Lisa K. Felske	TBD			TBD	TBD

	Harris County Department of Education <i>Better Together: The Science Behind Animal Groups</i>						
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