
Schedule

Session 1- 1:20-2:00

Session 2- 2:05-2:45

Session 3- 2:50-3:30

You will have two sessions assigned and one session of work time built in to your day.



ROCK VALLEY COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rock Valley, Iowa 51247

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Session Descriptions





STEM-Jordan Menning

In this session, we will develop a common understanding of STEM, along with where it came from, it's purpose, and how to create deeper understanding and critical thinking skills. The session will dive into STEM practices along with resources to help create a successful STEM experience for all students.

The K-8 Writing Workshop-Christin DeJong

In this session, we will explore how implementing a writing workshop can help us better meet the Iowa Core writing standards. We will discuss the components of a writing workshop, the architecture of a mini-lesson, and some basics of conferring with students.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PD

This PD buffet is a great way for you to select what best fits your needs. If you have interest in a topic that you weren't able to attend, please contact the presenter for more information.



ELEMENTS OF INSTRUCTION: IDEAS ON HOW TO BEGIN AND END A LESSON (PRE K-12)

Dave Vonk

Bring your laptop and be ready to walk away with a number of ideas and resources for bell ringers and over 50 specific, and easy to implement, ideas for closure!

DIFFERENTIATED ASSESSMENTS AND INTRO TO PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Rachel Langenhorst

All students learn differently. Learn and leave with examples and templates of a variety of ways to assess students at all levels/interests in this intro to PBL. Make learning applicable and enjoyable!

FRONT ROW AND EDMODO SNAPSHOT

Kathy McGill and Rachel Honken

These free sites/apps have proven to make our teaching lives easier by providing instant feedback and organized data to guide our instruction. These programs track and score each student, and they make aligning to the CC doable.

STRATEGIES FOR ESL

Janice Luevano

Identify strategies to use with ESL students. Have time to ask questions and peruse the book Strategies to use with your English Language Learners. Attendees will receive their own copy.

DAILY 5 IN THE PRIMARY GRADES

Kendra Heitritter

Are you wanting to launch Daily 5 in your classroom but not sure where to even begin? Come experience Daily 5 from a students' point of view. Geared towards younger students but anyone is welcome.

BOOK TALK: NEVER WORK HARDER THAN YOUR STUDENTS

Joy Hurst

Learn about and review good teaching strategies. Time to reflect on current practice and implement some new ideas.