

CWE Topics 2024

1. **1,2,3 Blast off With Literacy!** - We will explore how numbers play a role in a foundation for pre-math skills and literacy skills. Jeanna McEwen
2. **A Hero Lies Within YOU! Amid Your Trauma and Pain** - Participants will evaluate their own mental health and be given strategies to overcome adversities they may have faced or are facing. Sabrina Robinson
3. **Age-Appropriate Sensory Activities** - Sensory activities play an important role in a child's learning and development. Much of our learning comes through our ability to use our senses to retain information. Join us as we discuss appropriate sensory activities for birth-Kindergarten. Joyce Alexander
4. **Are My Shoes Too Big?** – Are we expecting too much of a child? Annette Whitton
5. **Art with a Purpose** - Ideas for making art a learning experience. Lauren Allen
6. **Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Preschool Classroom:** We will explore different symptoms of autism and how to better care for our babies in the preschool setting. Elaine Battle
7. **Babies - 3's - "Filling those Sponges"** - What does the research say and what can we do to enrich early learning for these curious creatures? Marie Harbison
8. **Being a Spiritual Leader** - Over the course of three and a half years, Christ developed fishermen, a tax collector, a Zealot, and a half dozen other men to be spiritual leaders and serve as the foundation of the Christian church. Let's share the call to influence and servanthood with your staff and co-workers. Joyce Alexander
9. **Bible in a Basket: "Take Two"** - This session provides fun, interactive ideas for 15-minute Gospel-centered object lessons for children. Children will actively engage in lessons that will bring the Bible to life and plant seeds to help our preschoolers grow spiritually. Pam Morris
10. **Board Games: More Than Fun and Games** - Participants will discuss the importance of board games and the role they can play in child development. Sarritha Scales
11. **Boys and Girls are Different...Understanding Why** – We will look at the biological, behavioral, emotional, and developmental differences between boys and girls and how that can impact our teaching. Beth Henderson

12. **Conflict Management** - Conflict—to some degree—is inevitable. Whether dealing with a disgruntled parent, communication breakdown, or shared space issue, this class will discuss ways to anticipate potential conflict and how to resolve conflict when it arises. Joyce Alexander
13. **Cooking in the Classroom** - Cooking in the classroom is not only a fun, engaging activity, but one that can be used as an important teaching and developmental tool for all ages. Beth Henderson
14. **Crafts Gone Wild** - Got a shoestring budget? Let's pull out everything we have and let our ideas run wild. Jami Sheets
15. **Creating Music in the Preschool Classroom** - We will discover ways to include music as a tool to teach as well as learn affordable ways to make instruments for preschoolers. David Henderson
16. **Director's Roundtable** – Join us for an informal session around the table to talk about current issues that face us in a preschool setting. Lee Wright
17. **Discipline with Love & Respect** - Discipline isn't punishment, it's a way of teaching self-control. In this session we will discuss ways to guide behavior to help create responsible children without losing their love and respect. Pam Morris
18. **First responders: When Accidents Happen** – As childcare providers, you may well be a child's first line of defense in getting or giving care needed in times of emergency, accident, or illness. This session in first aid will enable us to identify and manage accidents and emergencies, thus possibly saving a child's life. Linda Duffee
19. **Gardening in the Preschool Classroom** - We will learn about different plants and gardening techniques for the preschool classroom along with ways to incorporate science, math, etc. David Henderson
20. **God's Mighty Miracles: Special Needs Children in the Preschool Classroom** - This session focuses on practical strategies to help support teachers and provide opportunities of success for the special needs friends in you classroom. Pam Morris
21. **Goldilocks, The Little Red Hen, and The Troll** - Using fairy tales as a jumping off point for fun learning activities that involve math, science, and pre reading. Kristin Smith
22. **How to Handle Hard to Handle Preschoolers:** We will discuss how to manage challenging behaviors by using strategies to make each day a better day, for both the teacher and the preschooler. Elaine Battle

23. **In Jesus' Name, Amen** - A discussion of the importance of praying for and with our students, to include some tools and tips for making prayer a part of your teaching routine. Kristin Smith
24. **Intentional Instruction - Proven Strategies that Work** - We will be giving teachers the necessary tools they need to reach every student in their classroom by delivering research-based instruction in varying ways. These easy to implement strategies will promote engagement that encourages and motivates students to be active in the learning process. Bea Nichols
25. **Lessons from the 100 Acre Woods** – counting and matching from Winnie the Pooh clip. Greg Gosselin
26. **Let's Give Them Something to Talk About... Behavior in the Classroom** - An overview of teaching strategies that can help de-escalate behavior as well as high engagement teaching strategies that will deter negative classroom behaviors. Bea Nichols
27. **Living in a World of Shapes and Colors** - We will look at shapes, colors, and how they help preschoolers build a strong literacy foundation. Jeanna McEwen
28. **Living on a Teacher's Salary** – recent updates on saving and spending strategies and how to make ends meet. Lee Wright
29. **Marvelous Wonderland** – How to turn the ordinary into extraordinary learning experiences. We will push beyond the normal and help kids learn through play and special experiences. Jennifer McCracken
30. **Next Gen** – We will explore the characteristics and challenges of working with our youngest generation. Patty Burns
31. **Object Lessons: Something to Think About** - Preschoolers are so curious and like little sponges. Let's give little minds something to think about with fun object lessons and games. Jami Sheets
32. **Once Upon a Time: Teaching Children Through Storytelling** - Participants will be able to spark a child's imagination and curiosity through storytelling. Sabrina Robinson
33. **P is for Pterodactyl**. A fun look at Alphabets. Multiple ways to display and learn the A-B-C's. Greg Gosselin
34. **Picture This!** Using pictures in the preschool environment to encourage communication with pre-verbal students. - Setting up a system with pictures to help pre-verbal exceptional students communicate and participate in the classroom. Mary Sharman

35. **Preschool Brain Development** – Why is birth through three so important? How are babies' brains developing? What can we do to stimulate the child and promote learning? Lee Wright
36. **Preschool VBS** – Come and explore how we will minister to our preschoolers through Breaker Rock Beach, as we lead Vacation Bible School this summer. Patty Burns
37. **Preventing Child Sexual Abuse** – Do you understand how a predator selects and grooms victims? Do you realize that they work to build trust with adult leaders? Do you know the risky behaviors that may be a warning sign of potential abuse? Join us and get better prepared to prevent child sexual abuse. Lee Wright
38. **Purposeful Planning - Technology in the Classroom** - This class is for teachers who wish to intentionally use technology in the classroom. See how technology can help students reach positive outcomes, expect higher engagement, and create life-long learning techniques. Bea Nichols
39. **Raising Standards Instead of Lowering Expectations** - Come learn strategies for fostering positive behavior, setting appropriate expectations, and dealing with the causes and effects of disruptive children. Joyce Alexander
40. **Ready, Set, Kindergarten!** – Developmentally appropriate methods and standards to help preschoolers be best prepared for Kindergarten. Jennifer McCracken
41. **Reclaiming Your Joy** - Are you or the children you teach anxious or stressed out? Anxiety can take your joy. In this conference, we will discover reasons why this happens and techniques to help us reclaim our joy. Beth Henderson
42. **Safety First** - Come play "No Jeopardy" with us as we examine and evaluate safety protocols and practices. Marie Harbison
43. **Science in the Classroom.** Lauren Allen
44. **Self-Care:** We will discuss ways to better manage your mental and spiritual health so we can be present in the preschool classroom. Elaine Battle
45. **Sharing Space with Grace** - tips for sharing space between weekday teachers and church teachers and developing a plan for identifying what is "Yours, Mine, and Ours." Marie Harbison

46. **Someone to Adore** – Be the teacher God called you to be. Annette Whitton
47. **Stages of Art** - Being creative helps preschoolers make decisions for themselves but can be messy. Janet Eikenberry
48. **Supporting the Family** - How to support children (and their families) who are in non-traditional families. Lauren Allen
49. **TNT: Thank, Notice, Trust! Connecting with Parents** – How to build relationships with the parents of those you teach. Patty Burns
50. **Teach All of Me** – Teaching with each of our senses and love languages. Annette Whitton
51. **The Piglet Wiggles** – an introduction to understanding childhood anxiety. Jennifer McCracken
52. **The Stories of Sunshine the Hedgehog.** Discover, how we, like Sunshine, can spread God’s love. Greg Gosselin
53. **The Top Ten List** – Ten Things Every Class Needs. Annette Whitton
54. **Triaging the Sick Child:** How to identify the different illnesses that children in daycare have and how to triage these illnesses to prevent the spread to other children and teachers. Linda Duffee
55. **Using Nature in Art Activities** - Teaching preschoolers to observe and ask questions. Janet Eikenberry
56. **VBS Preschool Crafts and Activities** - 2024 VBS craft and activities for Lifeway, GROUP, and Answers in Genesis materials. Janet Eikenberry
57. **We Got the Beat** - Who said preschool music was boring? Come find the beat! Let’s have some fun with music using our head, shoulders, knees and toes. Jami Sheets
58. **Why are they doing that? Understanding Sensory Needs and Strategies** - Description of sensory needs in exceptional students and strategies to help them succeed in the preschool environment. Mary Sharman
59. **Wild Things – Nurturing Boys Birth – 5 years old** - We will learn about the developmental stages of boys and how they learn from birth through the preschool years. David Henderson