

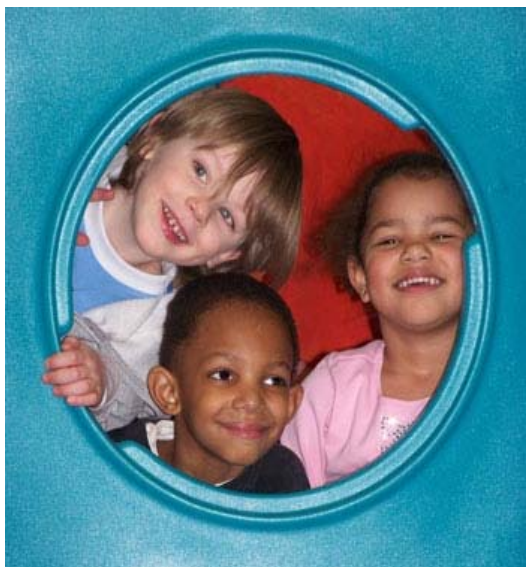
SAVE THE DATE!!

19th Annual VERMONT KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCE

April 1, 2011

To be held at:

Hilton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont



The Vermont Department of Education and the Early Childhood PreK-3 Program at the University of Vermont invite you to participate in the 19th annual Kindergarten Conference. This conference brings together kindergarten teachers, school administrators, prekindergarten teachers and administrators, teacher educators, researchers, and pre-service teachers to explore evidence-based practices, discuss issues, learn from each other, and become rejuvenated and inspired.

We are excited that Karen Worth will be with us as the keynote speaker and as a workshop presenter. Karen is a faculty member at Wheelock College and a senior research scientist at Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC). Her curriculum and professional development work includes *Connecting Science and Literacy Program*, *The Young Scientist Series*, and *Insights: An Elementary Inquiry Based Curriculum*. Karen provides professional development and guidance to organizations in Europe, Central and Latin America, and the United States.

Keynote:

Cultivating the Young Scientist in All Kindergartners

Children are naturally curious and full of questions about the world around them. Scientists are too, and they investigate the world through the process of scientific inquiry. When we bring inquiry based science into the kindergarten classroom, we pick up on children's curiosity and provide opportunities for them to develop not only science skills and understanding, but also their literacy, mathematical, and collaborative skills. This talk will examine more closely what this science looks like, what young children are capable of, and how naturally inquiry based science fits into the learning and teaching of kindergarten classrooms.

Other Proposed Conference Highlights:

- *Words Come Alive: Learning vocabulary through drama*
- *Culturally Responsive Strategies for Young English Language Learners*
- *Building Community*
- *Teaching from a Novice Perspective*
- *Yoga with Young Children*
- *Environment as the Third Teacher*
- *Authentic Assessment Strategies*
- *Supporting Children on the Spectrum in an Inclusive Classroom*

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The Conference Brochure and online registration will be posted on the Department of Education's Calendar of Events on February 14, 2011 at:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#kid_con

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