

Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association



Professional Development Workshop

Saturday, February 25, 2017

9:00 – 12:00 pm

Lynnhaven Elementary School,

210 Dillon Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

R.S.V.P by Friday, February 10, 0217 to

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Guest Clinician: Joy Anderson

Child's Play: Intentional Teaching; Joyful Learning

Our beloved Mr. Rogers, paraphrasing Maria Montessori, wrote: “Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play *is* serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.” With increasing pressure placed on children by testing and “academic” demands, how can we make our music classrooms oases of developmentally appropriate, play-oriented, joyful learning? Can we create these times and spaces for play, and still ensure that our students achieve high levels of skill and understanding in music? This hands-on (feet-on, ears-on, brains-on!) workshop will provide ideas and activities that explore:

- How the intentional (non-gimmicky) use of toys can build a bridge between play and work.
- Ways to use singing games and other play to build strong musical skills incrementally and sequentially.
- Ways to use games and toys for formal and informal assessment.
- How a spirit of play can encourage reluctant music-makers and develop self-confidence and healthy risk-taking.
- The value of play in developing not only musical skills, but also social skills and objectives in other school subjects.

Please make your reservations now to attend our workshop. Thank you for supporting the V.E.M.E.A. Professional Development Workshop. A certificate will be presented to all attendees for recertification points.