



CONFERRING WITH READERS

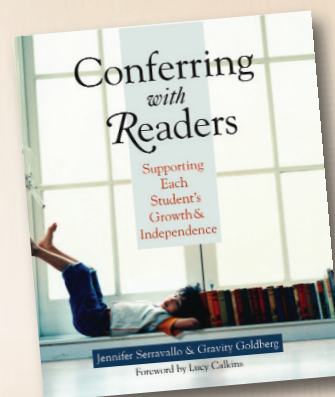
Grades K-5

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On this day, Gravity Goldberg will help support teachers who already have a strong reading workshop background and who want to take conferring to the next level. Gravity will give an overview of 6 purposes for conducting reading conferences, explain the reasons for each kind of conference, as well as guide you through the process and steps of effective conferring. In addition, Gravity will demonstrate different teaching methods to use when conferring and how to use the gradual release model to help students become more independent and effective readers and thinkers. Practical tips and tools will also be shown to help you make conferring manageable and less overwhelming. Gravity will offer several suggestions for dealing with the predictable troubles with reading conferences—keeping them short and efficient, figuring out what to focus on, helping students become more independent, and feeling more prepared without having to make so many “on the fly” decisions.

This workshop will help reading workshop teachers:

- Streamline their reading conferences
- Make informed decisions about what kind of conferences to have and what methods to use
- Support students in becoming more independent
- Manage the day to day challenges of conferring in simple ways



Gravity Goldberg is currently an instructor at Teachers College Columbia University in the department of Curriculum and Teaching as well as a doctoral candidate. She is a literacy specialist where she works with teachers on developing strong balanced literacy classrooms and literacy environments for students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Gravity is co-author of the book “Conferring with Readers” published through Heinemann. She is a former staff developer at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project where she helped lead the work with special educators. Gravity taught 3rd grade as well as worked as a reading specialist and science specialist k-5 in MA.

About the Presenter

SPECIAL RATE FOR GRAVITY GOLDBERG’S WORKSHOP:
\$125 per person for any teacher who can register 5 weeks before the workshop date