



Arts Integration: The Kennedy Center's Approach

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 • 8-11 am
Brentwood Elementary School
3750 Springfield Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32206
Main Office: (904) 630-6630

To accommodate parking constraints, please carpool.

Workshop Leader: Karen Erickson

Arts Integration Ambassador teams from participating PDAE grant schools are strongly encouraged to attend.

Also open to Principals, Administrators, Arts Specialists, Teaching Artists, and Teachers of All Grade Levels.

Many of the Kennedy Center's professional development offerings are based on a philosophy and practice of teaching called arts integration. So what is arts integration? This session unpacks the Kennedy Center's definition and gives you the opportunity to uncover the characteristics of quality integration. In addition, the session includes your participation in an arts-integrated lesson and examines how arts-integrated instruction aligns with current learning principles and best practice.

To register for this workshop, contact Sue Downs at sdowns@unf.edu or 620-4411



KAREN L. ERICKSON has been a Professional Teaching Artist for more than 20 years. As Executive Director of Creative Directions, she trains artists and teachers in drama education, curriculum planning, arts integration,

and assessment development nationally and internationally. Ms. Erickson continues her work as a playwright and stage director in addition to authoring seven drama education books used in schools throughout the country. Her publication, *The Arts: keystones to Learning* documents 26 arts-integrated programs in the Chicago Public Schools. She served as the Artistic Director of Trinity Square Ensemble Theater in Chicago for eight years in addition to several years working at the Goodman Theater where she was an assistant to Tennessee Williams during his two-year residency. Ms. Erickson has written more than 15 plays for youth and adults produced by theater companies across the United States. She works with the Kennedy Center's professional development programs including Changing Education Through the Arts (C.E.T.A.). Ms. Erickson is a certified teacher in English, Speech Communications, and Theater Education for grades K-12. She co-wrote the Illinois Arts Goals, Standards, Performance Descriptors and Chicago Drama Benchmarks in addition to a state book on Fine Arts Integration.