



YES YOU CAN HAVE LITERACY CENTERS IN A HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN

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Why Not?

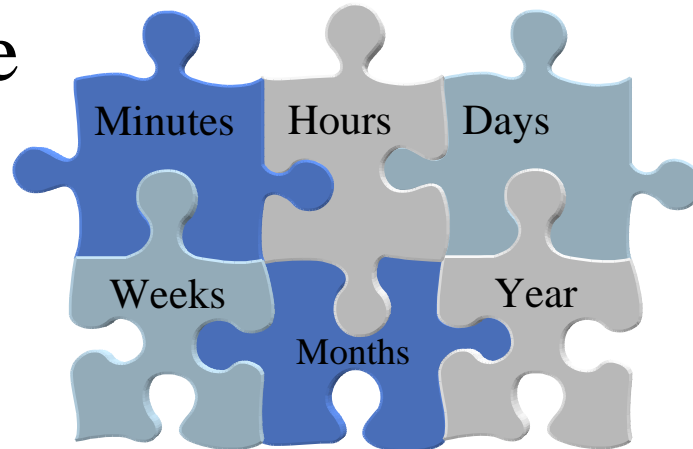
- Not enough time in the day
- Students are not independent
- Are they learning without me?

How can I get it all in?

- Schedule your day
- Hold your center time a priority above all else
- Give up control
- Don't be afraid to get messy 😊

Schedule your day...

- Make a schedule for your day
- Make a schedule for your week
- Make a schedule for your month
- Just make sure you make a schedule and **include** center time



Hold Your Center Time Sacred

- Prioritize
- Know what is coming
- Know what is needed
- Know what is important

Prioritize

- Teach what needs to be taught
- Check for understanding
- Use what you learn to determine your groups
- At your table make sure you are teaching to the child and not to the program
- Time with you is important
- Time to practice is just as important

Know what is coming

- Curriculum first
- School events
- Vacations

If you do not plan
do you
know.....

- Centers are based on curriculum
- School events do not justify losing that time with your children
- Vacations are time to practice at home

Know what is needed

Children First

Centers

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Time with teacher

Time with peers

Time with helpers

Centers

- “Hard” is not required
- Fun is important
- Do not reinvent the wheel

Alphabet Centers



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Games Centers



Reading Centers



Reading Centers



Reading Centers



Art Center



Writing Centers



Writing Centers



Writing Centers



Writing Centers



Know what is important

- This is a process that can be taught
- All children deserve time with you
- Children learn best by doing

Center Time can happen in the half day kindergarten.

- Plan your time so the children will have time with you
- It is important that children have practice time.
- Their job right now is to play.
- Know that even ten minutes can make the difference...

Where to Get More Information

- asmelser@learningcommunity202.org
- [Learning Centers In Kindergarten: Grade Level-kindergarden \(The Four-Blocks Literacy Model\)](#) by Karen L. Loman and Dorothy P. Hall
- [Month-By-Month Reading and Writing for Kindergarten Systematic, Multilevel Instruction](#) by Dorothy P Hall and Patricia M. Cunningham
- Google Search Engine
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