Session A - 9:00 - 10:15

Mixing Art and Science
Kay Matthews, Morton College
This is a hands-on workshop where you will be able to create art and see how it can also integrate scientific concepts into your curriculum for young children.

Early Literacy
Nouri Eshafi – Morton College
This presentation will highlight numerous patterns and strategies in the early literacy. It will review the best practices and research base for the correlation of language development in young children and early literacy acquisition. Activity ideas and resources will also support linguistically and culturally diverse learners.

My First Garden: Teaching Children about Nature and Nutrition
Michele Mohr – Morton College
The workshop will discuss gardening basics for early childhood educators, including how to set up a garden, and ways to involve young children in the process from planting through harvest. The presentation will also provide links to a variety of educator resources.

Making Learning Fun: Tips for keeping kids engaged while educating
Professional children’s entertainer “Miss Jamie From the Farm” instructs teachers on how to keep it fun in the classroom. Emphasis of the seminar is on health and wellness, and singing and dancing along with the fun is highly encouraged.

Comunicación con las Familias
Luz Marina France - The Carole Robertson Center for Learning's Community Partner Program
La comunicación con las familias en una forma respetuosa y esencial para construir sociedades con las familias. Este taller interactivo ayudará a los participantes a entender su estilo de comunicación, el cual incluye escuchar activamente, y las barreras para la comunicación efectiva.

Comienza tu propio negocio de cuidado infantil
Belen Jimenez, Morton College student and Family Child Care Owner
Te gustaría comenzar tu propio negocio de cuidado infantil? Ven a escuchar a dueñas con experiencia de cuidado infantil en el hogar, en como obtener tu licencia de DCFS y comenzar tu propio negocio. También compartiremos ideas y actividades.

Session B 10:30 – 11:45

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Using the Rekenrek to promote logical Mathematical thinking at ECE Classes
Nouri Eshafi – Morton College
Participants will get the opportunity to explore how using the Rekenrek Attendance daily in ECE classes can help student develop important mathematical ideas such as subitizing, one-to one correspondence, hierarchical inclusion, cardinality, magnitude, as well as the rules for counting. Participants will be able to understand the power of using this tool and routine. Participants will be able to generate questions to support students as they engage with Rekenrek Attendance. Participants will be able to analyze the understanding that students have about number as they watch children engage with this daily routine.

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Toddler and Twos Activities
Luana Perez – Morton College Student
Come hear and share activities and ideas to do with toddlers and two in your classroom.

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Keynote Presentation
12:00 – 1:00

Let’s Play
Diane Gibson
Chicago Children’s Museum

This presentation will be an engaging, hands-on experience designed to:

- Educate adults about the benefits of play for lifelong learning
- Develop strategies to support play every day
- Share information on how to access the museum's resources
Conference Schedule

8:30 - 9:00  Registration/Coffee and Rolls
9:00 -10:15  Session A
10:30 –11:45  Session B
12:00 – 1:00  Keynote

Registration is FREE

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