

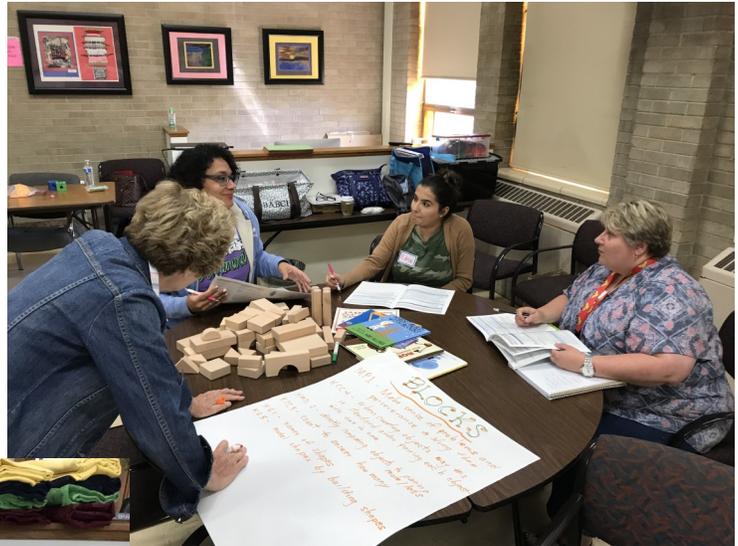
← Participants rocking their “thinking caps” and glasses to make pizzas for their pizza place!

The first KIDS Round Robin event was held at Waukegan CUSD #60 on August 9. Kindergarten teachers from Waukegan and surrounding school districts came together for a fun-filled day packed with insightful tips and ideas! KIDS Coaches Stephanie Plourde, Sandra Ehrat, Connie Barre, and Lindsay Bohm facilitated conversations to foster a better understanding of the KIDS instrument and answered questions from participants on the hot topics in early childhood in Illinois.

Teachers had the opportunity to work with colleagues to highlight the learning that happens in some common play-based centers. From wooden blocks to board games and the kitchen center to puppets, we charted dozens of Illinois Learning Standards we were addressing through our purposeful play!

The day wrapped up with a “Make It, Take It” opportunity, where teachers made rice bottles for identifying letters, read the book “Pizza Party!” (which they got to keep!) and made their own pizzas out of construction paper and donated pizza boxes.

↓ Participants building in the block area while charting all of the Illinois Learning Standards that can be addressed through block play.



The end of the day was like an old episode of “Oprah’s Favorite Things”. ;)

ALL participants took home four KIDS reading mats (beach towels), a copy of the *Serious Fun* book, and their completed projects from the Make It, Take It activities. THEN, all of the play centers used for that session were raffled and sent home with some lucky teachers!

Don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity for collaboration, interactive professional learning, and awesome give-aways! KIDS Round Robins are FREE to attend and totally worth the sub plans. ;);

↑ One lucky participant took this home!!

**Additional sessions have been scheduled! Click below for registration details.**

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