

# CKA's 2019 Professional Development Workshops Series Reading, Writing and the Flexible Classroom!

Carlsbad, California

Join Heidi and Beth in an engaging day of learning!

For TK/K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Educators



**Heidi Butkus**  
**HeidiSongs**

Heidi has been teaching in K and first grade since 1985. Combining a strong knowledge of brain research with practical experience, Heidi has created a wealth of fun and engaging teaching techniques that work well with diverse populations. Her workshops are filled with fun, motivational classroom-tested activities effective with all types of learners.



**Beth Pittman**  
**Flexible in First**

Beth has been teaching in the kindergarten – second grade classroom for more than 14 years. She is currently teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade, which is her favorite! She is passionate about positive classroom management and giving her students choice in the classroom. She is the author of the blog, "Flexible in First."

## When and Where

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Kelly Elementary School  
4885 Kelly Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

\$150 CKA Members  
\$160 Nonmembers

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# Schedule

8:30 – 9:00	Registration, coffee and morning snacks
9:00 – 11:00	<b>Session 1: Scaffolding Writing for Success in Kindergarten and First Grade</b>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Session 2: Using Flexible Seating to Tackle Standards</b>
12:30 – 1:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Session 3: Top Tips for Mastering Sight Words</b>
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:30	<b>Session 4: Positive Classroom Management: Let's Make it Happen</b>



## **Scaffolding Writing for Success in Kindergarten and First Grade**

Make writing easier for your students (and YOURSELF!) Find out how to scaffold your writing lessons so that your students are totally enabled to do what you are asking! Get your beginners writing for the very first time, and your first graders moving along towards writing paragraphs on their own. These are all mini lessons and tips that Heidi has used in her own first grade and K classrooms. Heidi will share a few songs that help in the writing process, too!

## **Using Flexible Seating to Tackle Standards**

What does flexible seating have to do with the Standards? A lot! Beth examines how giving students seating choice in the classroom leads to more engagement and better performance. Come learn how to use flexible seating to change your classroom environment for the better. Explore seating choices, the steps you need to get flexible seating up and going in your classroom, and more!



## **Top Tips for Mastering Sight Words**

Heidi will share what she does in her K classroom to help her students reach mastery of the sight words, in addition to using the sight word songs. What are the daily and weekly lessons that seem to make the most difference in student achievement? MOST of them are done in a whole group setting. Find out how at least 90% of Heidi's students, most of whom come from low income backgrounds, usually master 90-100% of the 50 required district sight words and then some!

## **Positive Classroom Management: Let's Make It Happen**

Half the battle of getting students to follow rules and routines is having a plan. Come learn positive, simple and effective ways to get with the program – without losing your sanity! See how to combine an organized classroom with word choice, songs, books, chants and so much more to create a smooth-running environment both you and your students enjoy.

