



Dr Mark's workshop

Saturday, 28th January 2012

10.00am - 1.00pm

Join Dr Mark in this interactive workshop where he shares his experience and teaches you how to use these strategies effectively in your classroom & home.

Phonics is Fun! How "Click & learn" can enhance your teaching through IT!

Phonics is Fun! shares with teachers and parents innovative techniques for helping beginners learn to read quickly and with greater accuracy using phonics. In this seminar, we will discover together effective management methods that can generate enthusiasm for English in students by increasing attention behaviour and creating an enjoyable learning environment. Because children are becoming computer literate at earlier ages, Mark will share his insights in exploring technology as a vital and growing tool for self-directed learning.

Back to Basics in Phonics

- Phonics – A Systematic Approach to Language Acquisition
 - Two most accepted approaches to teaching English – Which is best? Why?
 - We explore the cumulative process of learning English with phonics and why this helps students learn to read faster with better results
- Helping your child learn with phonics
 - Innovative Teaching Approaches
 - Essential Supporting Materials and where to find them

WOW – World of Words – Maximizing Vocabulary Learning

- Natural Language Learning
- The Word Pyramid
- Image, Text and Sound
- Fun Methods to Teach Segmenting and Blending of Sounds

First Steps in Reading – Word Level

- Speed Reading Drills – short word lists use a single vowel sound and vary the beginning and ending consonants to help students practise:
- Content Words and Structure Words

The Student's First Readers

- What is unique about a Phonics Reader and why is it important?
- What to look for when buying Phonics Readers
- Three Steps to Help Your Child Read a Phonics Reader
- Error Correction Techniques – Setting Goals and Staying Positive

Click and Learn – Basic Strategies to Help Your Child Learn with Technology

- Preparing Yourself and your Computer
- Student Practise Techniques
- How to find online resources

Dr Mark Kieran Ponisi

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Mark Kieran Ponisi is an experienced teacher, lecturer, and writer who has worked extensively in the USA, the UK, Spain and Asia. His academic research into phonics and language acquisition has been the foundation for more than 15 English workbooks. Mark has also written and produced many more reading books, computer programmes and videos including HeadStart in English, Symphonics series of workbooks, and E English Multimedia Learning. His newest series of Phonics Reading Story Books is called Kiran Phonics and will be available in 2013. While Mark's primary focus in the past few years has been writing, he has never lost his love for teaching and conducts classes for beginning students and seminars whenever possible.



Early Bird Course Fee (Payment by 21st Jan 2012)

FOS Member: \$68.00 Non-member: \$88.00 per workshop