

"Cultivating Divergent Thinking: Strategies to Promote Creativity in K-6 Learners"

Date: March 28, 2024

Presenter: Meredith Thomas

Location:

Monmouth Mall, Lower Level

180 Route 35 (Routes 35 & 36)

Eatontown, NJ 07724 For directions to the Mall, access our website at: www.rpdacademy.org

Time:

8:30 am Registration and Coffee

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Seminar presentation (Lunch will not be provided)

Fee:

No charge for Collaborative Members

\$100 per person for Non-Collaborative Districts (non-refundable)

Audience: [Preschool/K, Lower Elementary Grades](#)

Seminar Description:

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Divergent thinking, a key aspect of creativity and innovation, is essential for developing young minds. It fosters problem-solving skills, adaptability, and resilience, which are all crucial for the 21st-century learner. This workshop aims to equip educators with effective strategies to promote divergent thinking in K-6 students. We will discuss classroom practices that encourage curiosity, exploration, and creative problem-solving. Participants will learn how to design lessons and activities that encourage students to generate multiple solutions, think outside the box, and view problems from various perspectives. The workshop will provide practical examples and hands-on activities that teachers can easily implement in their classrooms to foster an environment that nurtures creativity and divergent thinking. Attendees will leave with a toolkit of strategies, activities, and resources for promoting divergent thinking in their classrooms.

Outcome Objectives: Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

- Understand the concept and importance of divergent thinking in the K-6 educational setting.
- Recognize the role of divergent thinking in fostering problem-solving skills, adaptability, and resilience in young learners.
- Implement a variety of strategies in their classrooms to promote curiosity, exploration, and creative problem-solving.
- Design lesson plans and activities that stimulate divergent thinking, encouraging students to generate multiple solutions and view problems from various perspectives.
- Incorporate hands-on activities that foster an environment conducive to creativity and divergent thinking.
- Utilize the toolkit of strategies, activities, and resources provided to facilitate the growth of divergent thinking in their classrooms.
- Evaluate and assess the effectiveness of divergent thinking activities and strategies in their classrooms.
- Foster a classroom environment that values and nurtures creativity and divergent thinking, encouraging students to think outside the box.

P.D.U.: 4.0 Hours