



Teach BIG Ranch Retreat

Trainings

G.A.P. Year Phonics and Spelling. Sound patterns are the connections between word sounds and letter representations, crucial for teaching students to read. In English, pronunciation relies on these letter sounds, aiding in rhyming and decoding, which enhance reading skills. Phonics refers to understanding letter sounds and applying this knowledge to decode printed words.

Editing and Revising. This seminar equips teachers with activities to teach parts of speech and effective information transfer through engaging games. It focuses on sentence order, structure, and patterns, alongside recent STAAR/SST analysis. Students build confidence in writing by constructing, revising, and editing sentences using hands on strategies throughout the year.

The 4 Dimensions of Reading. This seminar equips teachers with activities to help students transfer knowledge from engaging games to reading comprehension. It includes the new STAAR/SST 2.0 question styles and teaches students to apply their learning from paper to computer assessments. Continued use of hands on strategies throughout the year supports this process.





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More Trainings

Short and Extended Constructed Response. The SCR and ECR training aims to cultivate a growth mindset in students, aligning with science and social studies TEKS. It incorporates the four learning modes of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Reading materials and questions cater to various Depth of Knowledge (DoK) levels and the four Dimensions of ELAR.

Top 10 ELAR Bundle. This training focuses on key concepts and TEKS for the STAAR/SST test, providing educators with essential information before the assessment. It includes activities for both intervention and enrichment, with direct instruction followed by time for teachers to create necessary materials for their students.

Instructor



Meet your instructor, Randi Whitney. Home of The Writing Academy and Tap and Think Reading. Teacher inservices at the Ranch. Contact: 281-549-4466, 565 CR 2075, Crockett, TX 75835, www.teachbig.com.

Welcome

Remember summer camp as a student? Now you can feel that way again, along with top notch Language Arts training. Join an all inclusive training for teachers at our ranch in Crockett, TX, halfway between Houston and Dallas. Think of a night in an air conditioned cabin with friends, combined with the outdoors and personalized training for your team. Send up to 50 people for training, delicious food, bonding activities, and lodging.



Sample Agenda

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Day 1

- 10-10:30** Arrival, settle into your cabin
- 11:00-11:45** Lunch together
- 12:00-2:30** Begin training
- 2:30-2:45** Snack and break
- 2:45-5:00** Resume training
- 5:00-5:30** Time in cabin
- 5:30-6:30** Fun activity around the ranch (chairs provided to watch, or extra time in your cabin)
- 6:30-7:00** Buggy ride on trails through the piney woods
- 7:00-8:00** Dinner
- 8:00-9:30** Fireside Chat around the campfire or Desserts in the Diner (each group decides) with Randi, to talk about teaching reading and writing

Day 2

- 8:30-9:15** Breakfast
- 9:30-11:15** Start training
- 11:30-12:15** Lunch
- 12:30-1:45** Resume training
- 1:45-2:00** Snack and break
- 2:00-4:00** Finish up the best training of your life
- 4:00** Release to go home. Start counting down to when you can come back to the Teach BIG Ranch Retreat!

Cost

SCR/ECR (2 Days)	\$400
3 to 8 The 4 Dimensions of Reading (2 Days)	\$400
3 to 8 TEKS, Vocabulary and Fluency (2 Days)	\$400
3 to 8 Editing and Revising (2 Days)	\$400
3 to 8 ELAR Bundle with Make N Take (2 Days)	\$500
K to 8 G.A.P. Phonics Bundle (2 Days)	\$400

Optional Phonics 3rd Day Make N Take, an additional \$350. Pricing per person.



Training at the Ranch

Included

- One overnight stay in cabin
- One breakfast (eggs, hash browns, biscuits, bacon)
- Two lunches (Day 1 and Day 2)
- One dinner, 4 snacks, T-Shirt
- Trail rides in buggies

Bonding activities. Each week's group chooses one: bean bag toss, horseshoes, kickball, more trail riding, volleyball. None are required and all are in fun. No experts allowed!

Cabins



Babe Ruth,
Sleeps 5 (1RR)



Willie Mays,
Sleeps 7 (2RR)



Nolan Ryan,
Sleeps 9 (2RR)



Johnny Bench,
Sleeps 6 (1RR)



Jose Altuve,
Sleeps 4 (1RR),
ADA Cabin and
RR



Mickey Mantle,
Sleeps 9 (2RR)

New cabin! Caminiti, Sleeps 8 (2RR).

Your Retreat

We even offer our Ranch Retreat lodging, food, and bonding activities where you provide your own training material. This is great for bonding a new team, motivating a returning team, or providing a change of scenery for any team. Use this for your annual back to school training, a Fall Retreat, a Spring Fling, or a Summer Break. Send 10 or more teachers and you will have the freedom to choose your own dates not on the schedule.

Nestled in a serene location, you will have the opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate amidst nature's beauty. **Call now to secure your spot!** The Writing Academy. 281-549-4466. 565 CR 2075, Crockett, TX 75835.
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