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BIO

Alexia Pendleton is a Kindergarten teacher in Atlantic City, NJ, where she was named teacher of the year for the 2020-2021 school year. She is a wife, mother, hip hop choreographer, and fitness instructor. Known as the @dancerteacher on social media, she loves empowering educators with her high energy sessions. She loves to encourage, motivate, and uplift students, teachers, and administrators for absolute excellence in education!



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS:



"GO DJ": STUDENT LEADERSHIP

In this dynamic and interactive session, "Go DJ: Using Hip Hop Pedagogy to Create Student Leadership Opportunities," participants will explore the powerful intersection of hip hop culture and student leadership development. Through the lens of hip hop pedagogy, we will uncover innovative strategies to engage and inspire students to take on leadership roles within their schools and communities.



GET THIS DANCE; HOW MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CAN TRANSFORM LEARNING

Discover how integrating music and movement into the classroom can spark engagement, boost retention, and create joyful learning experiences. In this dynamic session, you'll explore practical strategies to energize instruction, build community, and make learning unforgettable one beat at a time.



REIMAGINING THE CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

Welcome to "Reimagining the Classroom Community: Building Connections in K-2," a heartwarming and interactive session designed for educators of young learners. In this session, we will explore creative and effective strategies to foster a strong, inclusive, and joyful classroom community for kindergarten through second grade.

Early childhood is a critical period for social and emotional development. By reimagining our classroom communities, we can create environments where every child feels valued, connected, and ready to learn. This session will provide practical tips and activities to help you build a classroom culture that celebrates diversity, encourages collaboration, and supports the emotional well-being of all students.



TURN UP THE VOLUME: HIP HOP

Join us for "Turn Up the Volume: Infusing Hip Hop Music and Dance to Engage Students," an electrifying session where we explore the transformative power of hip hop to create a joy-centered, culturally responsive classroom. This workshop is designed for educators who want to leverage the dynamic elements of hip hop to foster an engaging and inclusive learning environment.

Through the lens of the five core tenets of hip hop—MCing, DJing, Breakdancing, Graffiti Art, and Knowledge—participants will gain practical tips and strategies to incorporate hip hop music and dance into their teaching practices. These tenets not only celebrate creativity and self-expression but also provide a rich cultural context that resonates with students' lived experiences.



DEVELOPING FEELING VOCABULARY

Join us for "Developing Feeling Vocabulary in a Community Meeting," an engaging and interactive session designed to help educators foster emotional literacy in young learners. In this session, we will explore strategies to develop students' feeling vocabulary during community meetings, creating a foundation for social-emotional learning and healthy self-expression.

Building a robust feeling vocabulary is essential for young children to articulate their emotions, understand their peers, and navigate social interactions. By incorporating feeling vocabulary into regular community meetings, educators can create a supportive environment where students feel heard and valued.



MATH AND MOVEMENT

Join us for an interactive session designed specifically for K-2 teachers who want to infuse movement into their math instruction. In this session, we will delve into innovative ways to integrate physical activity with fundamental mathematical concepts, making learning math not only fun but also kinesthetically engaging for young learners.