Breakout 1

Ink & Ideas: Using Visual Notetaking to Strengthen Comprehension, Focus, & Retention

In this interactive session, we'll discover the power of Sketchnotes! First, we'll explore the recent research behind the creation of visual representations to enhance comprehension, focus, and retention...and then we'll get practical! Tanny will share a variety of applications across ages/grade levels and content areas, and show how to launch this practice with learners of all ages.

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the research behind making a visible representation of one's thinking
- Launch the practice of sketchnoting to boost their own thinking & that of their children/students
- Immediately apply their new learning with their children/students

Breakout 2

Comprehension Connections: Using Realia, Art, and Music to Help Kids Make Inferences

In this highly-practical session, we'll explore how to take an abstract thinking strategy (like making inferences) and make it concrete. Through incremental, sensory approaches, parents and teachers will make connections between realia (concrete objects), art, music, and movement to help kids better understand how to "read between the lines" and make viable inferences about what they see, hear, and read.

Participants will be able to:

- Take an abstract thinking strategy and make it concrete for children
- Understand the role that inferring plays in comprehension/meaning-making
- Use the practical ideas shared to immediately try with their children/students

Internationally-known teacher and conference speaker Tanny McGregor brings over 30 years of professional experience to her popular sessions. Her workshops are known for their creative and engaging style. Originally an elementary school teacher, Tanny has served as a literacy coach, gifted intervention specialist, and preK-12 staff developer. She is the author of three books, Comprehension Connections: Bridges to Strategic Reading (Heinemann, 2007), Genre Connections: Lessons to Launch Literary and Nonfiction Texts (Heinemann, 2013), and her newest release, Ink & Ideas: Sketchnotes for Engagement, Comprehension, and Thinking (Heinemann, 2018). Tanny was also a contributor to the seminal work, Comprehension Going Forward: Where We Are/What’s Next (Heinemann, 2011). In addition to writing and consulting, Tanny serves as a teacher on special assignment for West Clermont Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband Miles have four daughters and four grandsons. Follow her on Twitter @TannyMcG!