



### Presentation Topics

- Evaluating and Selecting Multicultural Child and Adolescent Literature for Successful Engagement
- The Stranger Child, Never Again!
- Comprehending and Writing About Expository Text: Teaching Children Why, How, When and What to Do
- REAL Small Group Reading in REAL Classrooms with REAL Children!
- Packing the Read-Aloud Time with Inferential and Analytical Thinking, Talking, Reading and Writing!

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Dr. Candy Dawson Boyd is a professor in the School of Education at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California, where she received the first Professor of the Year Award for outstanding teaching and scholarship. Dr. Boyd holds a B.A. in Education from Northeastern Illinois University, an M.A. in Reading, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of California, Berkeley. While at Saint Mary's, Dr. Boyd directed both the Elementary Education Basic Credential Program and the Special Education Credential and Masters Programs. She founded the Masters and Specialist Credential and Certificate Programs in Reading/Language Arts.

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