

Debbie Miller

Teaching and Learning in a Readers' Workshop

Todd Beamer High School – Federal Way, Washington
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EVALUATION FORM

How did you hear about this workshop?

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| 83 - email forwarded from my principal | 7 - Newsflash from WSASCD |
| 48 - email forward from district administrator | 1 - from the WSASCD website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> picked up flyer at WSASCD conference in Spokane | 1 - from the OSPI website |
- 28 - other, please specify: *forward from Newsflash (4); Google Searched Debbie Miller (1); Invited by Literacy Coach (13); Colleague forward email (6); Principal told us at staff meeting (4)*

Please rate the following from 1 (low) to 5 (high):
224 participants; 186 respondents

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| A. Please rate the session for content, knowledge, and information gained. | 4.48 |
| B. Rate the usefulness of the workshop. | 4.51 |
| C. Rate the application and relevance of this to your daily efforts to improve student learning. | 4.45 |
| D. Rate the preparation and knowledge of the presenters. | 4.78 |
| E. Rate the presenters' response to needs of the audience. | 4.72 |
| F. Rate the skills with which the topic was presented. | 4.66 |

Comments:

- Excellent!!
- Good information on expanding Readers' Workshop
- Debbie is a masterful and presenter. I feel lucky to have participated in this workshop and feel inspired to get back to my class and continue my learning,
- Purposeful. Simply elegant.
- I am excited to go back to my classroom and get to work!
- I liked getting a more in-depth look at how the reading workshop works for Debbie.
- Wow! As always, my hand has writer's cramp for taking notes. Thank you, Debbie!
- Super presentation! Bad acoustics – Hard to understand. Meeting room cold – my feet are like ice!
- I have read both of Debbie Miller's books so of lot of this was review for me.
- Great conference – specific strategies.
- It was cold.
- I enjoyed the student samples.
- Facility was a little difficult for this large group. Difficulty hearing and seeing clearly from the back of the room.
- Sound System/acoustics of room made it difficult to hear at times.

- Amazing teacher – amazingly done! The only part that wasn't perfection for me, was the question-response portion. The handout could have had more information – My note-taking is mediocre.
- I really thought the material was valuable... I just wished I had more of an opportunity to figure out how I can apply it in my classroom.
- Need to move or be active more.
- When reading or speaking quickly, the acoustics were garbled.
- This seemed to last unnaturally long. I think this could have ended sooner and been just as effective.
- Really helpful in clarifying the different pieces of Readers' Workshop. Made a vague concept more clear with the details.
- If I were unfamiliar with Readers' Workshop, this would have been fantastic. I wish there was a more advanced class.
- Brilliant! Debbie Miller is a gracious, knowledgeable speaker who takes us into the classroom and shares insights into children at all levels. Thank you for your fantastic ideas!!!
- I would have appreciated an outline of the day with topics we would cover. It would help me sequence and organize my thinking.
- Great content/presentation. However, the doors opening/closing all day was very distracting. Couldn't one door have been propped for those to enter/exit quietly?
- Loved it... I learned a lot.
- Debbie is a delight and an inspiration to educators. She's wonderful!
- Debbie Miller did a nice job of presenting. I had different expectations. I thought more in-depth set up, lesson, etc. for intermediate grades would be covered. Felt very sad since the books are so great.
- Please fill the soap dispensers in the bathroom.
- The handout was out of order. Student examples were useful.
- It would be nice to have the workshop split into 2 classes – one for primary teachers and one for intermediate teachers.
- Great information – thanks!
- Excellent workshop – Gets me excited to go back Monday and re-think how to make what I do more authentic!
- Very useful and will improve student learning and my teaching. Thanks!
- Debbie was fantastic. Thanks for validating my teaching! Good teaching doesn't have to be difficult – just purposeful!
- Excellent presentation and additional information/skills gained to use during readers' workshop.
- Thank you. I really enjoyed your presentation.
- Loved it! Come set up my room...
- Great!
- Fantastic, useful, relevant information!
- Really enjoyed practical application, demonstration with kids, and examples
- It was great to go from theory to the practical – Thanks for the inspiration!
- Debbie Miller's presentation was excellent and caused me to be more reflective in creating more time for conferring with students, as well as a reminder that I should give more time to student sharing.
- Excellent workshop!
- Uncomfortable space – difficult to hear.
- This really has me thinking about my teaching and how I can better serve my students.
- Balance between theory and practice was great!
- Very difficult to hear the speaker. Also very difficult to see her.

- Very easy to evaluate! Great day!
- Practical, Logical, Applicable.
- Fabulous!
- Great lesson ideas for teaching strategies and loved record keeping ideas. Going to try my first readers' workshop this month.
- Lots of review, but it was timely and sparked excellent reflection, conversation, things to try, questions.
- AWESOME!
- It would be great to have your forms as blacklines in the packet. I couldn't write fast enough to get it all down to remind me of what kind of response form I can make because you shared so many wonderful ideas.
- Disappointed not many new ideas were presented when compared to presentation in Sumner. We get readers' workshop, just want additional teaching ideas for comprehension. With a new book out was hoping for a lot of new ideas!
- Outstanding! Thanks!
- Fantastic! With lots of student work, focused on primary!
- Enjoyed listening to Debbie!
- This was wonderful! Thank you!
- I am leaving with several ideas that I can implement easily.
- I really enjoyed hearing Debbie talk. I teach multiage but found her information very useful for all my age levels.
- Wow! She's my idol... Great workshop!
- This has been a pleasure! Very organized and informational.
- Debbie is wonderfully encouraging and very practical!
- Enjoyed listening and learning. Debbie Miller's experience will improve my teaching.
- Liked the presenter's sweet precious voice. Liked how she honored children.
- Excellent presentation!
- Excellent presentation! Many useful tips to use on Monday!
- Would recommend calling this 'Deepening Comprehension or Reading for Meaning, as this was the overall message – which is the GREAT part of the workshop – Honoring the thinking of our students and helping them develop those skills... Great day!
- The thinking strategies and comprehension are the strength and poser of this workshop with Debbie Miller. The thinking that kids demonstrate in pictures, writing, and conversations is high level.
- Debbie was great! Very insightful!
- This workshop is probably highly relevant for primary or beginning teachers, but had little new information or helpful strategies for intermediate.
- This was really geared to K-3, not 4-5. Too primary-based.
- What a gracious lady! So practical!
- Would have liked stated workshop objectives as well as agenda for the day. Workshop was good information but felt scattered – I didn't know where we were going.
- Very affirming! Great examples. Great balance of theory and practice.
- Content was geared more towards K-2, not as advertised K-5.
- Great – Loved Debbie. I heard some intermediate teachers wanted more examples in afternoon. Great lunch!
- Fantastic class! Refreshing to hear how to integrate district requirements with quality literature.
- Great information for a solid reading program in any classroom.
- Super workshop!
- Lunch was great!!! As a primary teacher, I loved the conference. The presentation could have been geared toward intermediate a bit better. Maybe more examples for them.

What other seminars would you like to attend in your area?

- Dealing with kids with autism
- More on Daily Five
- ACTIVE Strategies
- More of this – Stephanie Harvey
- Lucy Calkins – Units of Study; Primary Writing
- Sisters – Daily Five and CAFÉ (2)
- Anything from Marzano
- Kindergarten focused workshops
- RTI, PLCs and Using Formative Assessments
- Writing workshop – Math and Literature
- Leadership; PLCs
- RTI; Professional Learning Communities
- RTI Class
- Reading, ELL
- PLC
- Math
- Reading/Writing
- PLC and RTI
- Daily Five, more Debbie Miller, Calkins and friends
- Other reading gurus – Harvey, Allington
- Writers' Workshop and Math
- Anything about RTI
- Lucy Calkins and WWU Children's Conference