

Third Annual Progressive Educators Conference
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*Higher Order Thinking
Through Integrated Curriculum*

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The focus of this conference will be an examination of the ways in which educators plan, prepare, teach and assess integrated curricular units in a progressive setting. As teachers we believe that providing children with opportunities to examine issues in depth in an integrated format allows them to perform the analytical, evaluative, and synthetic cognitive skills which are often do not drive strictly content curriculum. We are setting the tone for the day's work by offering the following essential questions. Your presentation should be prepared with an eye to examining one or any of these questions in preparation for a large group discussion we will hold at the end of the day.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- How does planning integrated curriculum with colleagues provide greater opportunities for higher order thinking for us and our students?
- How does teaching units of integrated curriculum allow teachers to explore and expand their own, as well as their children's thinking skills and deeper understanding of a topic?
- In what settings and under what circumstances does integrated curriculum provide the best learning opportunities?
- How does integrated curriculum facilitate differentiation of instruction and assessment and meet the needs of different learners?
- What forms of assessment are most appropriate for determining children's understanding of or ability to perform higher order thinking (such as, but not limited to, self-evaluation)?
- How does integrated curriculum fulfill the requirements and meet or exceed the standards for content area curriculum?

Call for Presentations
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Proposals must be emailed to kmckenna@bakerdemschool.org or jross@bakerdemschool.org by January 31, 2006

Name _____

School Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Co-presenters, if any _____

Type of Presentation: Please circle your preference

45 minute presentation

One hour workshop

Member of panel discussion

Title of Presentation _____

Description of Presentation _____

50 word description of presentation for program _____

One to two sentence bio of presenters for program _____
