



*"It is amazing how much the program has changed my teaching and more importantly, how much it has changed what my students learn."*

**Nora Robinson, Kimball Public Schools**

*"The courses I have taken so far from UNL have been so beneficial. This is my 25th year of teaching, and I have learned so much from them. They are the best courses so far in my career."*

**Nanette Kissler, Scottsbluff Public Schools**

# Strengthening Mathematics Instruction

brings two courses from **Primarily Math** to K-3 teachers in the Nebraska Panhandle in 2015

We are pleased to announce the Strengthening Mathematics Instruction (SMI-Primary) program for teachers of primary grades, a professional development program that will bring two courses from UNL's renowned Primarily Math program to teachers of grades K-3 in ESU 13. Primarily Math is a program that has been proven to make a difference in the effectiveness of teachers and in the achievement of the students they teach.

- The program is designed to strengthen the mathematical and pedagogical knowledge needed by teachers wishing to specialize in mathematics for the primary grades.
- Teachers selected for the program will complete one weeklong workshop in Summer 2015 and, during the 2015-16 school year, will complete two in-person sessions plus online tasks.\*
- The summer workshop will be held at ESU 13 in Scottsbluff Monday-Friday, June 15-19 from 8am - 5pm, with lunch.
- Teachers will receive a total of \$1,000 in stipends for full participation. (\$100/day in the summer, \$100/day plus \$100/online-unit during the academic year.) Limited funds are available to provide travel support.
- Teachers will have the option of completing the workshops to earn graduate credit at UNL.

Apply online: <http://scimath.unl.edu/smi>

*\*Applications from teachers who are able to commit to both the summer and academic year workshops will receive priority; however, we welcome applications from teachers who only can participate in the summer workshop.*

The first round of applications will be reviewed March 16, 2015.

Additional applications will be reviewed every two weeks until all positions are filled. Apply online:  
<http://scimath.unl.edu/smi/primary>.

Contact Kathy Vandamme at [kvandamme@esu13.org](mailto:kvandamme@esu13.org) or UNL at [nebraskamath@unl.edu](mailto:nebraskamath@unl.edu) with questions.

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