

Risa Beth Cohen

Risa Beth Cohen, M.S.Ed. is an educator, singer/songwriter, and storyteller. She works with people of all ages and abilities, leading music circles and storytelling workshops. As the Founder and Creative Director of Sing into Reading, Risa is passionate about teaching literacy through music and movement. Risa holds a B.F.A. in acting from Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, and an M.S.Ed. in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Bank Street College. Students of all ages and abilities enjoy her music circles and storytelling workshops. She is able to craft music and movement classes to align with any topic, ensuring that it is developmentally-appropriate and fun. After a music circle, Risa will email relevant resources and a songbook to participants that they can download, print, and keep. The text in songbooks is color-coded with red consonants and blue vowels to help teach letter differentiation.

In addition to teaching children, Risa is a sought-after speaker.. She has taught educators and families at schools, and has spoken at conferences in many countries, including Egypt, Australia, England, and South Korea. Risa and her program, Sing into Reading, have been featured on WTOL Channel 11, NBC channel 24, 13abc, and in the Toledo Blade.

Risa has been called a literacy teacher “in disguise.” Her students think they just make music and have fun – and they do!



Conference Sessions

Saturday, April 26
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Songs for a Peaceful Learning Environment

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Building Empathy with Name Songs