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S.M.A.R.T. puts teachers on floor

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DULUTH, Minn. - Teachers in the Northland were on the floor today – literally – learning a new way to view students' development and make more use of their senses.

The Minnesota Learning Resource Center came to Rockbridge Elementary in Duluth to show elementary educators how they can use a more hands-on, multi-sensory approach in their classroom.

The four day workshop, called S.M.A.R.T., stands for Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training.

The workshop helps teachers learn the anatomy of their students' learning so they can teach them in a way that furthers their development quicker.

One mentor says the changes cost little to implement because they use existing school resources.

The program has helped improve test scores for students in the past, including groups which traditionally have lower scores.

Teacher will also cover topics such as knowing what certain behaviors in the classroom might mean for a child's learning style and what mistakes teachers make.

"Traditional things – having kids always sitting still, some kids are movement learners, they gather information with a simple rocking back and forth. It might drive you nuts as a teacher but it may be the way the children do it," said mentor Tim Greeley.

More than 25 teachers from various schools in the Northland area are taking part in the workshop this week.

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