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Kathy Poelker's trainings are inspirational and are motivational. Her music is easy to incorporate into any curriculum and with any age. The pace, rhythm, and repetition is easy for the children to follow along and learn. And, the music is in a comfortable singing range for children and teachers. It is helpful that most of her music has actions that go along with the music. It makes my job much easier if I do not have to figure out how to get the kids moving to a particular song. The work has already been done for me and many of the actions are even in the lyrics of the songs. My group of toddlers and preschoolers particularly enjoy the realistic sound effects that are incorporated into the music, for example: "At the Firehouse" and "My Pony Stop and Go".

My circle time used to consist of a lot of theme based piggyback songs that the children did not have a chance to fully learn in a weeks time and certainly did not remember a week later. Although the piggyback songs are fun as a supplement for me to use, I am shifting my focus to repetition!, repetition!, repetition! The games, books, crafts, and lessons will still be theme and letter of the week based but, the music and movement will be more of the old favorites, nursery rhymes, Kathy Poelker's CD'S and Learning with a Smile exercises. I am motivated and excited to make classroom books with my day care children as an extension to their music and movement program. Book ideas are just buzzing around in my head right now!!...Thank you Kathy for your beautiful music, your love of children, awesome training and the wonderful tools that you produce for teachers and child care providers to use for the education of "our" kids.

Sincerely,

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