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To Whom It May Concern:

In early February, Kathy Poelker provided full-day staff development training for the PreK special education teachers and assistants of the Mat-Su Borough School District in Palmer AK. This is the first time Kathy has presented for our school district, but she has been a popular consultant for conferences and groups throughout our state since 2005.

Kathy's presentation was content rich and offered strategies focused on the integration of language, literacy, sensory-integration, music, movement, drama and dance. Using integrated curriculum strategies and developmentally-appropriate activities and materials, Kathy motivated our teachers to look at music and movement from many different perspectives. Her professional development training supported current brain research theory and practice, and Kathy skillfully adapted her ideas and strategies to meet the needs of special children, no matter the challenges.

Kathy Poelker has a true heart for teaching and a passion for children. She motivated our teachers to use music and movement throughout their daily classroom experiences. Teachers were eager to participate in the activities Kathy presented during the training, and they were interested in the benefits the children would derive from participating in these activities on a repetitive basis.

One of our instructors who attended the training and purchased some of Kathy's products emailed her with "My children just love your music. They are able to sing along with you because of the slower tempo. I can see the difference in their confidence level already. I am so happy you could come to Palmer and that my assistant and I had the opportunity to meet you and participate in your workshop. It was a real treat."

I would recommend Kathy Poelker for your professional staff development training. The teachers in Palmer AK look forward to her returning in the future for additional workshops.

Sincerely yours,

Danny Frazier