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Dear Colleague,

It is with great respect and pleasure I write this letter of recommendation for Kathy Poelker and the *Look At Me Productions!* The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) located at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College had the delightful good fortune and benefit to spend a professional development day with Kathy Poelker on August 20, 2007. Kathy provided forty ECDC early childhood teachers, serving children ages two through kindergarten, with a day full of music that included singing, dancing, movement, learning, experiencing, bookmaking and joyful music.

"Incorporating Song, Movement, Music, Games and Dance to Meet Your Curricular Goals" was the title of Kathy's day long session for ECDC. The teachers were introduced to the critical role music and movement plays with brain development, literacy, creativity, physical development, health, math, cooperation, collaboration, and following directions. The presentation was intellectually stimulating to experienced and innovative teachers committed to implementing early childhood best practices.

Through Kathy's session, the teachers became more adept at being music makers with children. All of the teachers left her session primed with meaningful music, movement and dance experiences to enhance the holistic development of young children. The *Look at Me Productions!* books and CDs provided the teachers with high quality resources to assist with the implementation of the many ideas, learning experiences and strategies presented by Kathy.

Kathy is a true professional possessing a thorough knowledge of music education and displaying a sound expertise with young children, music and movement. She is organized and thorough in her presentation and is both dynamic and enthusiastic, which encourages her participants to stretch and try something new with children. Kathy will return to our community in March of 2008 to provide more than 700 local early childhood teachers with "Amazing Musical Moments". We are eager to participate in another session with Kathy Poelker in March of 2008.

Sincerely,

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