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TEACHERS AT ALDINE ISD WILL SING AND DANCE THEIR WAY TO CLASSROOM SUCCESS

Aldine PPCD Teachers & Staff Learn About the Powerful Connection of Music and Movement from Children's Author, Educator, and Recording Artist Kathy Poelker of Look At Me Productions

Aldine ISD teachers will spend two unforgettable staff development days of learning with music educator **Kathy Poelker** of Look At Me Productions on June 3-4, 2008. Kathy will work with Aldine's staff of early childhood PPCD teachers to share the all-important reasons for using music and movement in early childhood programs and classrooms. Invited by Mona Miller, Program Director of Special Education for Aldine ISD, teachers will learn the powerful connections music provides to enhance children's overall development. Kathy will share powerful learning strategies and outcomes for each and every one of her original songs, dances, music games, and drama activities, written and recorded for children ages birth to 8. She'll set teachers' feet a dancin' and hearts a singin' through her days of musical fun and motivation! Participants will enjoy lots of musical surprises and fun. Music is so much more than "entertainment" - a powerful teaching tool to use with all children, typically developing and those with special needs. When music is used intentionally and correctly, successes become a part of each child's day!

A familiar face to Texas audiences, Kathy Poelker was the Keynote Speaker for the ESC Region One *"Magical Kingdom of Early Childhood Conference"* in South Padre Island in 2006, as well as the consultant for many school district staff development days throughout the state of Texas in 2007 and 2008. Poelker presents to many different audiences of teachers, administrators, and parents.

Poelker has written and recorded over 150 songs for young learners, and developed and published more than 60 products for early childhood. Aldine ISD teachers may take an imaginary *"Astronauts' Adventure,"* work on counting skills as they *"Count the Stars With Me,"* or have loads of fun with *"At the Firehouse!"* musical drama! Maybe they'll dance the *"Chinese Fan Dance"* or do the *"Patschen Polka."* You can be sure Kathy will communicate her joy of learning and motivational spirit to her audience of more than 65 early childhood special education teaching professionals of Aldine ISD.

Kathy Poelker, early childhood music specialist and consultant, has been reaching and teaching audiences throughout the United States and internationally for more than 25 years. From New York to New Zealand, Puerto Rico to Hawaii, Kathy's presentations offer a popular mix of brain research theory and practice that can't be beat! And who ever said learning couldn't be FUN?

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If you'd like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with Kathy Poelker, please call John Kokat at 800-301-5665 or email kathy@lookatmeproductions.com.