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## **TEACHERS SING AND DANCE THEIR WAY TO CLASSROOM SUCCESS AND TONS OF FUN**

Smart Start Teachers Learn the Powerful Connection of Music and Movement from Children's Author, Educator, and Recording Artist Kathy Poelker of Look At Me Productions

Teachers will spend an unforgettable day of learning with Kathy Poelker of Look At Me Productions on May 17th at Halifax Community College-Roanoke Rapids. Cymie Terry, Halifax-Warren Smart Start Training Coordinator, invited Kathy back again this year for a "repeat performance," to share all the important reasons for using music and movement in early childhood programs and classrooms. 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 birth to 8. She'll set teachers' feet a dancin' and hearts a singin' through a day of musical fun and motivation! Musical surprises - with lots of laughter- await the teachers.

A familiar face to North Carolina audiences, Kathy was the Keynote Speaker for the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC) Annual Study Conferences in the years 2005 and 2006, speaking to audiences of early childhood professionals from throughout the state of North Carolina. She also was Keynote Speaker for the 2006 Ahoskie United Methodist Church Early Childhood Conference, under the direction of Carol Paul.

Poelker has written and recorded over 150 songs for young learners, and developed more than 60 products for early childhood. Halifax-Warren Smart Start Program will enjoy a day of learning with Kathy Poelker once again this year, following her popular presentation of last May, 2007. Teachers may take an "*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*," but you can be sure Kathy will communicate her joy of learning and motivational spirit to her audience of more than 50 teaching professionals of the Smart Start Program.

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](mailto:kathy@lookatmeproductions.com).