



Dear Colleagues,

I want to take this opportunity to thank and praise a wonderful and dynamic presenter. Kathy Poelker called me one afternoon this summer. I had just come on board as the Early Childhood Coordinator. She briefly explained her program and I mentioned that although I did not have a budget, I wanted her to present at my district. I immediately directed her to the person in charge of staff development and the rest is history. She presented our pre-k teachers with two full days of songs, games, movement, and joy.

Her presentation "*Amazing Musical Moments!*" included a vast array of songs and activities which are research based and developmentally appropriate. After her presentation teachers all over the district began delighting their students with her "*Look At Me Productions*" books, activities, games and CD's. One highly memorable part of her presentation is when Kathy explains how music and movement play a critical role in brain activity which ultimately enhances cognitive development .

I especially want to thank Kathy because she has now made me a favorite amongst the early childhood teachers. I could not believe the many words of praise teachers wrote on their session evaluations. As I go to visit the campuses, teachers stop me and thank me for bringing them such a fantastic and dynamic presenter. Teachers are hungry and grateful for sessions such as Kathy's where they are actively involved in the learning.

Teachers got so excited that they came to me and asked if I could bring her back for a session with our elementary physical education coaches and music teachers. We are bringing her back for sessions with them in January 2008. I am already passing the word around. We can hardly wait.

Sincerely,
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