

SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD HEAD START PROGRAM

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TO: Educators/Staff Development Directors

RE: Kathy Poelker/Look at Me Productions!

Dear Fellow Educators:

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On August 22-23, 2007, we had the great fortune of having Kathy Poelker of Look at Me Productions as a trainer for the teachers and instructional assistants of our Head Start, state prekindergarten, and local day care centers. The workshop was called "Sing a Song to Reading! Sing a Song to Writing! Sing a Song to Math!" which included background information on the importance of gross motor movement/development through music in developing language, literacy, and math skills as well as activities and strategies for developing those skills in English and Spanish (she speaks four languages!). The activities are easily adaptable for inside or outside venues, which is really helpful in southwest Texas where the weather is not always conducive to lengthy outdoor play times.

The response has been phenomenal! In my classroom walk-through observations, on the sidewalks, in the restrooms, in the library – everywhere - I am seeing and hearing the music, the brain stimulation, the increased student and staff enthusiasm and participation, the gross motor movements across all curricular content areas in ALL classrooms! "Music time" is now purposeful and aligned to state and federal objectives and a dynamic tool utilized throughout every school day. I am confident that we are going to experience definite increases in student achievement this school year as a direct result of this training.



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With greatest respect and gratitude for assisting us in becoming a model early childhood program!