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Dear Lauren:

I want to formally thank you and your company for the wonderful work you have done to inspire and teach our second grade students about ballet and the arts. With this being my first year as music teacher at Las Juntas Elementary, I feel very fortunate to have had the experience of working with you this year, and I can see the importance of such a wonderfully designed program. The Adopt-a-Class program has been at our school for many years now. Not only does it help to teach the basics of choreography to students, it also reinforces musical concepts and enriches their lives on many levels. The impact of these experiences carries on through the upper grades as they build on this great foundation and gain further appreciation for the arts.

From the very first visit, the children use their imagination through the music to find their own movements and explore their own creativity. With each monthly visit, there is more openness to dance and willingness to embrace the arts. I especially enjoyed seeing the children perform their own choreographed dances in the culminating activity. I saw the results of the program evidenced as they learned to express themselves through dance, to explore emotions through movement and to and to work together.

The many opportunities that you provide to our students are so appreciated. Thank you so much for your generosity. We look forward to a continued association.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hartwig
Music Specialist