

## T.S. Cooley Elementary

When I was told that we were going to start the Dancing Classrooms program in P.E. last year, I was very hesitant to accept the idea. Like the students, I fell in love with the Dancing Classrooms program and was thrilled that we were going to continue again this year. Ms. Nixon and I were excited for our fifth graders this year to have the opportunity to Ballroom Dance during P.E. again. This has been an awesome program, and I hope we will be able to continue the Dancing Classrooms program in our school for years to come.

I would like to thank Angela Reeves for being not just a great teacher but also an excellent role model for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. She was a true professional when teaching the Dancing Classroom program. The students had nothing but kind words for her after it was over. She was always so positive and encouraging to our students. We at T.S. Cooley were very fortunate to have Mrs. Reeves as our dance instructor this year and hope to continue to work with her in the future.

The word “respect” was used quite often when Nancy Vallee introduced the Dancing Classrooms program during our meeting two years ago. She explained how the program would teach our students to respect their peers and one another while dancing. Mrs. Vallee was correct. Our students did learn how to respect each other not just during dance class; but also in life itself. It all begins with the dance instructor, and once again Mrs. Reeves was an excellent teacher for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. From the moment she walked through the door, she had them realizing how important respect was in the Dancing Classrooms program. I have witnessed our students working to be more productive in respecting each other as well as the other students at our school.

Thank you for putting on such a great program for the students in Lake Charles, and I look forward to working with Dancing Classrooms again in the future.

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