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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Betty and I have been a teacher for over 20 years. In the last 13 years I have worked for the Department of Education in District 75 as a Special Education Teacher working with children with Autism from birth to 10 years of age. I have been using Watch Me Learn for over 7 years. I have used it in my classroom for the development of cognitive, motor, communicative, social/emotional and play skills, with my Early Intervention students to develop imitation skills, and as a Coverage teacher as a foundation to develop peer interactions and play skills. I utilize the videos as a visual/auditory tool to help me engage my students, sustain their focus and teach them functional skills that can be generalized into other areas. It is a powerful method for the development of physical and verbal imitation skills that quickly generalize to functional skills. Watch Me Learn has allowed my students, to watch and learn from other children over and over. I have found that all my students learn from the Videos and that they enjoy and look forward to watch and then play.

I usually introduce the Watch Me Learn videos by watching them with my students. I then begin to imitate the children on the video. My students watch me imitate the video, then many begin to imitate as well. Then when I feel that my students are engaged I begin to stop at certain segments and reproduce the scenario with them. Then I help them generalize those skills. For example, they all love the Peek-a-boo segment. I imitate, they watch me imitate, then we play, then they play with a peer, then we learn to hide and Peek-a-boo, then we learn to play Hide and Seek, then we learn "Hot and Cold". All this from a wonderfully made natural video clip of Peek-a-boo from Watch Me Learn.

I have been singing the praises of Mary Beth Palo and her wonderful series of videos, Watch Me Learn, everywhere I go. I have sent her stories of what my students do as a Thank You. There hasn't been a day yet where I haven't seen my students demonstrate something they have learned from these Videos. My favorite moments are when someone else working with my students come to me and tell me how they noticed something that was learned from Watch Me Learn. One of my favorite of these moments is when a Transportation Para came to me and told me that 4 of the children on the bus began to spontaneously play Peek-a-boo around the chairs on the bus with each other. All four were from different classrooms, but they all recognized the game and played. What more can I say.

Betty Lee Golpe