

John T. Hartman Elementary School



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Dear Rebka,

Our Take the Stage Program, here, at John T. Hartman Elementary School continues to produce the most amazing results with great potential! Take the Stage has extended the meaning of respect, of self, and of others. Take the Stage has helped us promote a greater sense of self-esteem and self-confidence in our students, who eagerly participated in this wonderful program. Our children have learned to honor others and treat them carefully, in a team setting. Learning the art of teamwork, in addition to breaking down social barriers, certainly will help our youngsters deal with the real world when they become adults.

We have seen our students learn to adjust to one another and appreciate each other's differences. Our children learned additional skills to be successful, while depending upon one another, in many ways. While enjoying their dance instruction, our young dancers were building their strength and stamina. Some were beginning to overcome shyness; others were gaining new and different ways to communicate with one another. Boys and girls appeared to be more focused during classes. Their attention to academics was notable and seemed to promote academic, social and emotional improvement. Students became more aware of their behavior and took steps to be a part of our Hartman AAA Program, each month.

Thank you, for your artistic expertise. You have, most certainly, influenced our children in positive ways. They looked forward to their lessons, each week. These were experiences that our junior citizens will never forget. We love our students and want only the very best for them. You joined right in and loved them, with us. Together, we have given our wonderful boys and girls an education of the finest quality. We look ahead, now, to our new dancers!

Respectfully,

Principal

