



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT-LOCAL DISTRICT A

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Noble is pleased to commit to partner with DFYL by participating in Drumming for Life Skills proposed research project to study the effectiveness of the Rhythm and Reading program. DFYL, was conducted at Noble Elementary, a economically and academically impacted school for approximately three semesters after the regular day school and on Saturdays during the 2006– 2007 school year. The classes were conducted two times during the school week. Students attended for approximately 90 minutes a session.

Students in grades 4 and 5 enjoyed the classes and they yielded positive results, academic (specifically fluency scores) but also non-academic gains. Students' demonstrated an increased motivation to read, improved there attitudes towards reading, and their self-confidence about reading was reflected in increased test scores.

As a point of reference, Noble increased their test scores on the State Tests by 37 points this year. This is an important factor as we are now able to “hold” our school and is a recognized positive gain for us.

Sincerely,

Margaret Espinosa Nelson