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On the advice of Jay Williams, Assistant Director of Personnel, I have written to Lieutenant Colonel Ron David, Public Affairs Officer of Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, as to the possibility of obtaining two parachutes through your branch of the Service. In reply, M. D. Begley, Chief, Material Redistribution Division suggested you may be able to help.

As Physical Education Special Assistant of Troost and Nelson Elementary Schools, I see great potential in its use. Such activities as dance steps, perceptual-motor training, physical fitness items, and rhythmic and coordination patterns, to mention a few, are introduced through the parachute. The students respond very enthusiastically.

I also see this as a way of coordinating physical education to other aspects of the curriculum by giving a brief history of the beginning, various uses and different types, etc. of the parachute, and the important part it plays in the Air Force. This could also initiate further discussions, reports, and field trips to better acquaint the student with the Air Force.

Any used or discarded parachutes would serve our purpose very adequately as well as being very much appreciated by students, the two staffs, and myself. They can be such fun, too! Thank you for your cooperation in taking time to listen.

Very sincerely yours,

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