

decided their Celebration Center would be on the computer. During designated times, students could go to the computer and make a certificate for a classmate. They would then share what they had done with the teacher and discuss their plan to present the certificate during the morning routine. If the teacher approved the plan, the event occurred. On the morning I visited this particular classroom, Douglas received a celebration certificate from the class in honor of his spelling achievements. He received a certificate for improvement and the following poem:

*You couldn't spell,  
On the test you would fail!  
You could have given up! And you did a time or two,  
But you dug deep and worked harder, until you knew,  
How to spell a word or two!  
So, good for you! Good for you!*

Douglas' response was charming. He said, "Thanks for caring, spelled: K-A-R-I-N-G." The class laughed and the teacher looked nervous. Then he said, "Just kidding! Spelled: C-I-D-D-I-N-G." The laughter increased and this time the teacher joined in. Go to Shubert's School online to watch videos of all kinds of classroom celebrations.



*Celebration Chair*



*Celebration Board*

## **Ritual: Wishing Well**

Hopefully, you have been wishing well in your classroom throughout the year, beginning with wishing absent children well. Now it is time, if you have not done so already, to extend wishing well to all the many situations children find difficult to understand and cope with. Children may want to wish well for a sick relative, a parent who lost a job or a big sister who is taking a test. Set up opportunities for this to happen during your morning routine, closing routine and other daily activities. Invite children to share and wish well, and do the same yourself.

