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Zoe is very creative, and has a *big* imagination.

She loves music and she loves to dance!

Dancing makes Zoe happy, and she wishes she could do it everyday!

But instead she has to go to school.

Zoe is a fourth grade student who finds school *really* hard.

Zoe has always struggled in school, because reading and writing just don't come naturally to her.

No matter how hard she tries she struggles to read, because the words and letters always seem to move around the page!

Zoe sometimes feels like her brain is broken, and this makes her sad.

Zoe *hates* school.

One day Zoe finds out that she has a Learning Disability. At first this term is really scary to Zoe... does this mean that her brain is broken after all?

Zoe talks to her Mom and Dad, and her teacher Miss. Harris.

Zoe learns that a Learning Disability really just means she has a Learning Difference.

Zoe's brain isn't broken, it's just wired a little differently!

This means that Zoe learns in different ways than some of her classmates. Zoe's learning difference makes it hard for her to quickly match letters with their sounds. It also makes it hard for Zoe to focus on her schoolwork.

Zoe thinks that these are big and impossible problems.

But Miss. Harris explains that with different teaching strategies, and a little hard work, Zoe can learn to read and write fluently, just like her classmates!

Miss. Harris also explains to Zoe that she is *very* smart, and her learning disability is one small weakness, in a sea of strengths. [Image of Zoe surrounded by positive

words/strengths such as “Creative” “Imaginative” “Kind” “Smart” “Hardworking” “Energetic” “Friendly” “Independent” “Athletic” “Strong” “Artistic” etc.]

School is fun again because Zoe knows she can achieve anything she puts her mind to. Using both her strengths, and her new learning strategies, Zoe is free to chase her biggest dreams. [Image/Video of Zoe dancing on stage in front of a large crowd.]