

MOVEMENT AND CURRICULUM

Using curriculum ideas to create dances, or using movement/dance to teach curriculum. Teachers are encouraged to identify areas of curriculum for use in dance class. A curriculum guide and lesson plans are available for teachers interested in pursuing the use of movement in the classroom.

During your Co'Motion Dance Theater residency three dancer/teachers will excite your student's minds and imaginations using curriculum ideas to create dances. This is a fun and imaginative way to reinforce your classroom topics. The following are just a few ideas for using dance to help support curriculum.

SCIENCE

Solar system - near/far, orbits

Outer Space

Planets

Science Fiction

Rockets

Physics - force, friction, gravity, centrifugal/centripetal forces, weight, momentum, angular momentum

Dinosaurs

Biology - Viruses,
Brownian motion
Temperature

Kinesiology--study of movement

Skeleton, muscles, nervous system, movement analysis, coaching

Elementary Science--bubble, levers, planes, forces

LANGUAGE ARTS

Creative writing - Writing from watching a dance; creating dance from writings:

Dance to tell a story

Dance to create an atmosphere

Dance to show feeling/emotion/attitude

Movement for its own sake

Poetry and dance

Personification

Taking Dictation

Reporting vs. Reviewing

Interviewing Artists

Questions to ask

How to prepare for the interview

Abstracting

Rhythm, substance, content, style