

PS 118 Creative Movement Residency

Creative movement residencies engage students in the process of dance-making as they develop an understanding of dance. Emphasis is on developing dance literacy, exercising the body and mind, using dance as a lens to examine curriculum, and fostering collaboration amongst students. Students engage in the choreographic process by creating movement, sharing ideas, and performing for peers and teachers for feedback.

When a child participates in a Together in Dance residency, they develop vocabulary about the art form both verbally and kinesthetically. What better way for a child to learn about locomotor movements than to hop, skip, slither, leap and roll; to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly by choreographing a dance about it; or to work with a group of classmates to transform an ancient Chinese poem into a dance celebrating nature. Children learn to value their own work and the work of their peers through these creative endeavors as well as through reflection and discussion of the work.

Student Goals in Creative Dance residency

All participating students will:

- Broaden the ways they express themselves
- Collaborate in the dance-making process
- Use the vocabulary of dance and apply it as they create work
- Be able to reflect on their role in relationship to artistic process and product
- Experience the learning process kinesthetically
- Develop a sense of space and move within that space
- Learn co-operatively
- Experience the health benefits of the art form(s)
- Use the artistic process to connect to the world around
- Value dance in their lives

Student Outcomes in Creative Dance residency

All participating students:

- Are able to express ideas through movement
- Succeed in creating dances by sharing ideas and working cooperatively
- Increase their vocabulary to include basic dance terminology
- Are able to physically demonstrate their understanding of the elements of dance
- Dialogue and journal to demonstrate an understanding of their artistic process
- Physically participate in the art form
- Develop an awareness of space and move safely for the duration of a dance class
- Will improve posture, muscle control and coordination
- Are able to create dances that relate to the curriculum