

Roosevelt University GEAR UP Summer Academy 2006



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Dance Class **"Morning Stories"**

"When I awoke this morning, I was so tired. Even though I was feeling very sluggish, I made it to my destination. All that I was thinking was, "What does the rest of this morning have in store for me?" Soon, I would find out..." - *Anastasia*

"Luckily, my friends were at camp. I didn't know they signed up, I thought I was going to be lonely. After we got off the bus, I met some new people and now I'm having a good day." - *Diamond*

"I awoke around 5:45 in the morning. But I couldn't get up. I felt like a new born dinosaur. I had to sleep until 6:00, when I saw fireworks in my head. I felt like a hunter, ready to eat. Cutting down trees, while I threw off the covers. Stalking the beast, as I groomed myself. Growling like a bear, while my stomach grumbled. STOP! I opened my door, as a hunter stuck in the cave." - *Kendrick*

"When I got up, I could not find my glasses. I did not know what to do. Right before I walked out the door, I remembered my glasses were on the fireplace. So now, here I am at school writing what happened to me today." - *Renate*

"Students learned to make (and keep!) friends and observe and provide constructive criticism to their peers. The performance aspect at the end gave students the invaluable experience of being in front of their family and friends without fear." - *Ms. White, Dance Teacher*

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Dance Me a Story, Build Me a Dance

7th - 8th Grade Dance
Designed by
Ms. White

To Students

Welcome to Dance Class! If you have a story to tell, you've come to the right place. Even if you can't think of one now, I'm sure that you will soon. You can tell a story about your morning, or you can write the screenplay of your life—including the path to finding your perfect career.

In this class, you will be writing stories in your journal, and then turning them into short choreographies. You will work by yourself, and with your peers, and you will all create a choreography that you will be able to perform, as a group, for your family and friends.

There are a lot of steps to creating a perfect performance, and you will be walking through these bit by bit, one day at a time. As a group, we will create the movements, choose the music and the costumes, and we will create something truly special. You will wow your audience with your creativity and newfound dancing skills. It will take some hard work, and some thought—so get ready for a workout!