



### *Dance Based Learning ... Storytime Dance classes*

This is not a new concept but it is one that I am passionate about. Exposing children of all ages to the arts can only enhance their education. I have been a performing arts educator for over 30 years and I love this program which combines so many positive things: arts,

Combining movement with story time not only helps young children to stay engaged, it makes them an active participant, therefore encouraging their curiosity and sparking their interest in reading. . Dance also aids in understanding text by connecting words to movement. The possibilities are endless. The addition of movement is simply adding another dimension and layer to learning which affords children the opportunity to actively participate. By becoming a participant instead of a passive listener, the concepts and stories can be brought to life and engage all of a child's senses.

I have posted three books above that lend themselves to learning with movement. However there are countless books and poems that can be used.. The basic structure of a preschool/kindergarten age class would be a read aloud story as well as a dance/ movement activity based on the story and follow it up with a craft or activity also based on the story! . This is a fun way to learn, be inspired, gain motor skills and participate in an activity with other children. Be a Monkey, a pirate, a bird or let's see where the wind takes us! This will allow our littleness to use their imaginations and be creative! I have taught children dance for over 30 years and have also taught dance at the conservatory, college and university level . Combining my undergraduate degree work in child and family studies at the University of CT as well as my Masters Degree from Wesleyan University in Dance and Movement studies I am able to draw from many areas and ideas.. I have studied dance my entire life and pride myself on being a master of my craft.. My journey to connect the arts and education is something that I am very passionate about. I love working with children of all ages and feel that the arts are so important for their growth and development. Classes will be offered after school once per week at 4:15 and at 5:30, one morning per week( Wednesdays at 10:00am) and Saturday mornings at 10:00am. More classes will be introduced as needed. We encourage a parent to participate with the child . The classes are running in 4 week sessions and ( one meeting per week) for \$50. This is a new program and classes will commence once we have 6 participants in a class. We predict that they will be early October. If you are interested in this or any of our other dance programs please visit us at [www.alysonsschoolofdance.com](http://www.alysonsschoolofdance.com). for information about age divisions and to sign up. or contact us or call the number below.

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