DANCE with POETRY 3-5

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Greetings Dance Students!

Welcome to National Poetry Month.

I have a few fun activities for you to experiment with for the next 2 weeks.

Remember that taking care of your body is important, and you can do that in many ways. I try to notice dancing everywhere I go, such as, at the park, on the swing, in the garden with the flowers, on the grass with the leaves, on media with games, videos, and shows. When you start to look you see dancing everywhere.

Let's explore dancing with poetry!

FIRST **READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING 6 POEMS!**

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POEM 1

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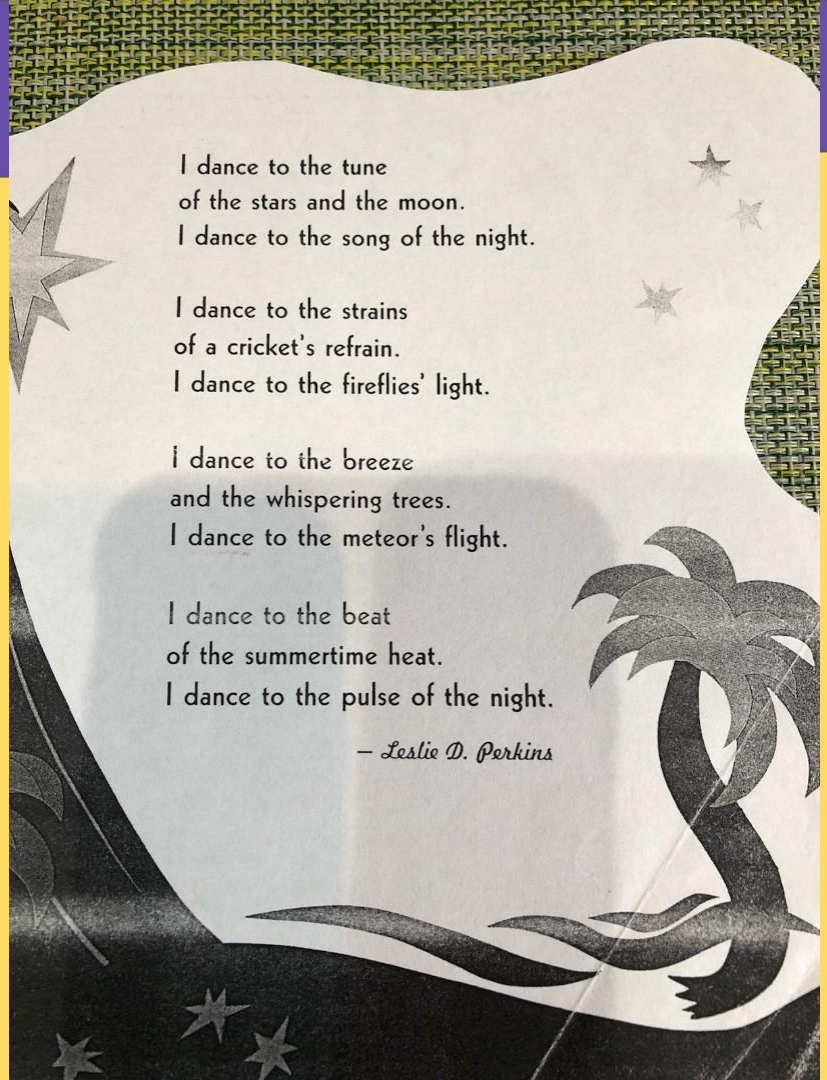
POEM 2



I dance to the tune
of the stars and the moon.
I dance to the song of the night.

I dance to the strains
of a cricket's refrain.
I dance to the fireflies' light.

I dance to the breeze
and the whispering trees.
I dance to the meteor's flight.

I dance to the beat
of the summertime heat.
I dance to the pulse of the night.

— *Leslie D. Perkins*

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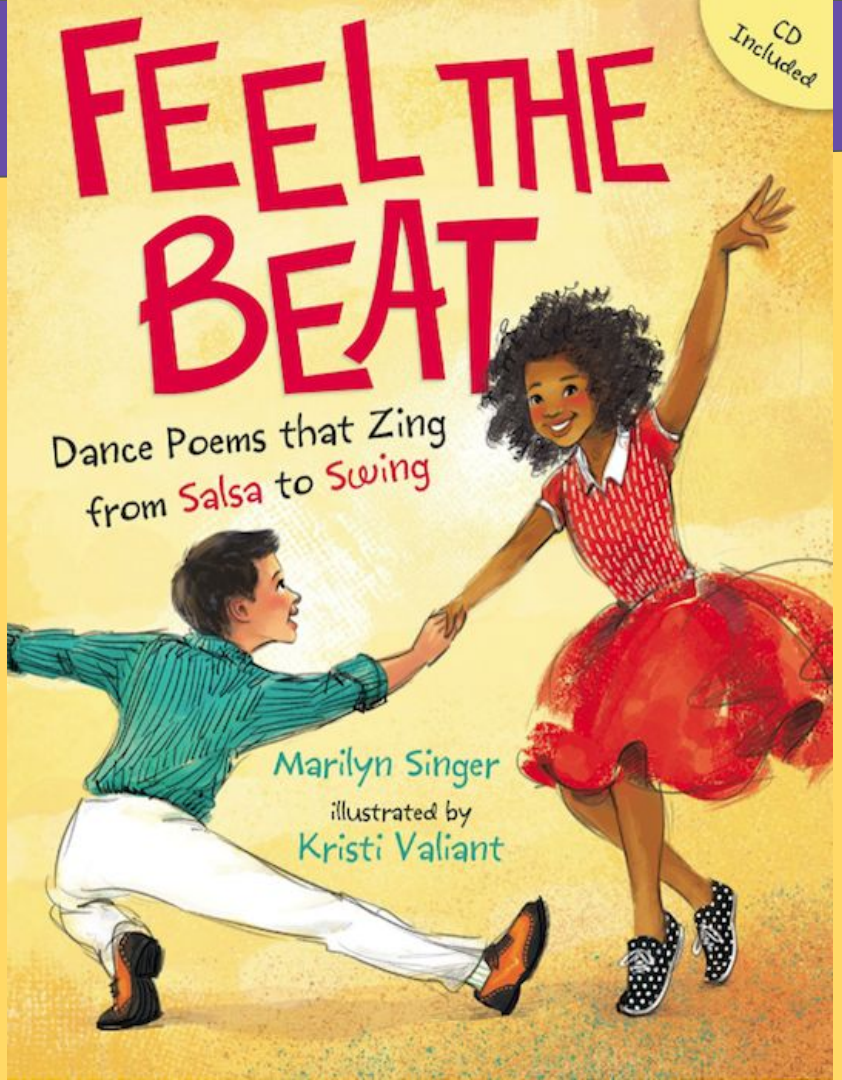

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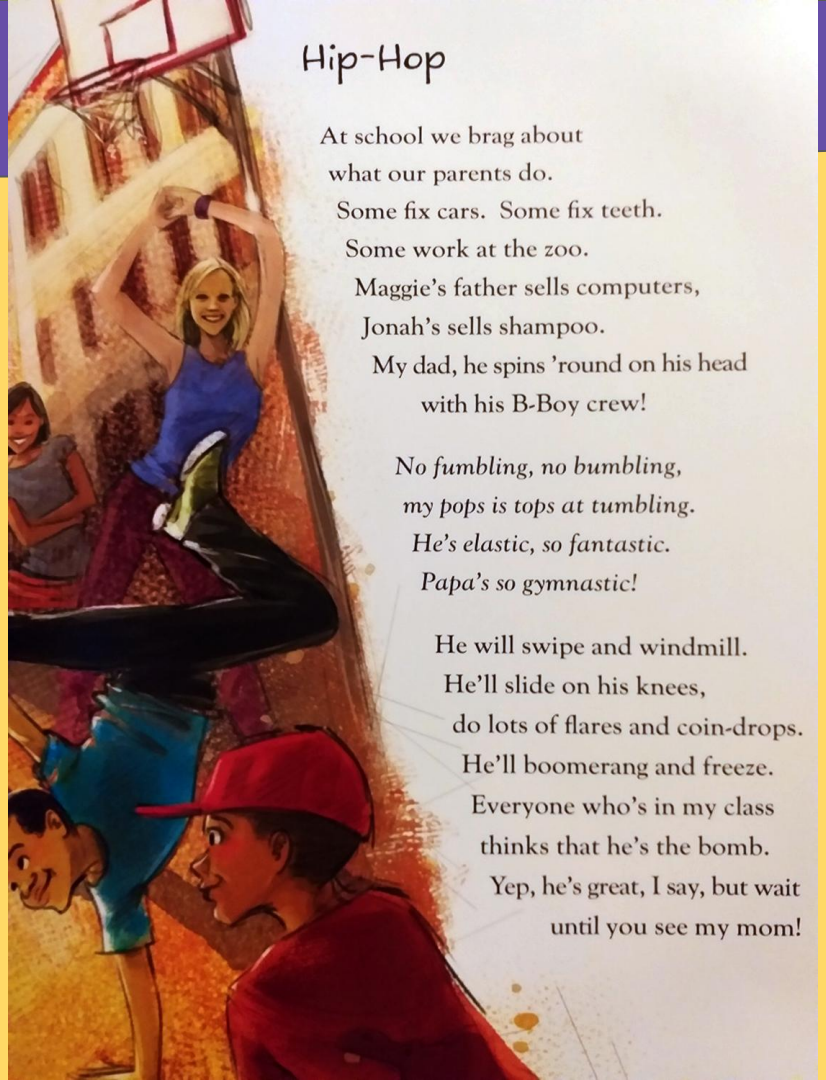
POEM 3



Hip-Hop

At school we brag about
what our parents do.
Some fix cars. Some fix teeth.
Some work at the zoo.
Maggie's father sells computers,
Jonah's sells shampoo.
My dad, he spins 'round on his head
with his B-Boy crew!

No fumbling, no bumbling,
my pops is tops at tumbling.
He's elastic, so fantastic.
Papa's so gymnastic!

He will swipe and windmill.
He'll slide on his knees,
do lots of flares and coin-drops.
He'll boomerang and freeze.
Everyone who's in my class
thinks that he's the bomb.
Yep, he's great, I say, but wait
until you see my mom!

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POEM 4

Video Links:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAt82Gdt_cg

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POEM 5

Swing Dance

You can borrow books and magazines.
You can look at stuff on computer screens.
You can find out things for your next report,
get a DVD of almost any sort.

You can learn to draw, play a game like chess.
You can read to dogs. You can make a dress.
You can hear a talk, watch a puppet show.
There are lots of reasons that we go . . .

to the library,
but mom and me,
tonight we swing.
That's our new thing.
We're gonna swing.

We step . . . step . . .
rock step.
We're full . . .
of pep.
We Lindy hop.
Bibbidy-bop!
We Lindy hop!

On the plaza in July,
underneath the summer sky
where you can get to hear good bands,
kick your feet, wave your hands,
we're gonna swing.
That's our new thing.
We're gonna swing!

Today we read about finance,
looked up the capital of France.
We found a book about a pug.
But tonight we're here to jitterbug.

We'll bring it, zing it,
ring-a-ding-ding it,
do our hot new thing.
We're gonna SWING!

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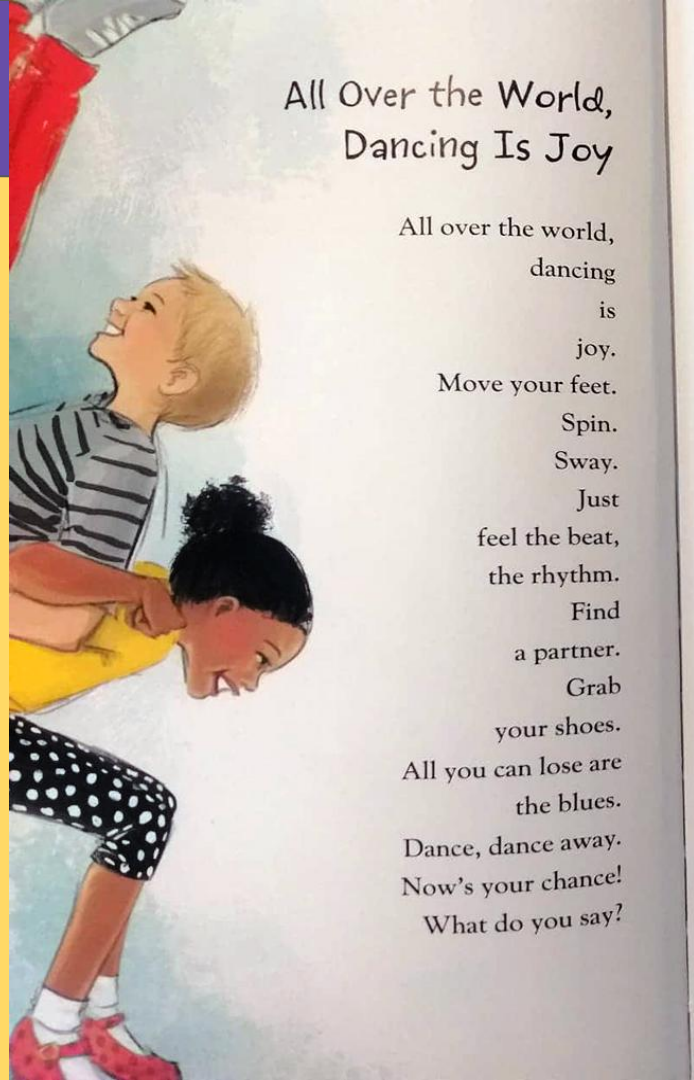
POEM 6



All Over the World, Dancing Is Joy

All over the world,
dancing
is
joy.
Move your feet.
Spin.
Sway.
Just
feel the beat,
the rhythm.
Find
a partner.
Grab
your shoes.
All you can lose are
the blues.
Dance, dance away.
Now's your chance!
What do you say?

Joy Is Dancing All Over the World

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After you have read each of the 6 poems to feel the rhythm in the words of each ...

DO

Next Steps:

1. Choose one poem to explore with movement.
2. Read the poem silently to feel it's rhythm.
3. Read the poem again out loud.
4. How does the poem make you feel?
5. Make a list of all the action words in the poem.
6. Move your body to the actions of the poem.
7. Video yourself reciting and dancing to it, and send it to me at karen.daniels@k12.dc.gov.
8. After finishing step 6 you may also write your own action/dance poem, and repeat step 7.

Have fun!

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Shape Poetry - Dancing Away

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Dance to your own tunes. Hope you like this Shape Poetry of a dancing girl.

Here is a cool example of a way to create your own poem with a word image!

Just sayin'!

"Feel the rhythm! Feel the beat!
Gotta move, gotta move
your dancing feet!" - Daniels, Pollet