

Terrarium

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Grade K-3

Core Concept: Science/Dance

Objective: In a 45-minute class, K-3rd grade students will explore that plants need water, sunlight, soil and air to grow by performing a dance based on locomotor and axial movement

K - 3rd Grade Core Curriculum

Science

Standard IV: Students will gain an understanding of Life Science through the study Of changes in organisms over time and the nature of living things.

Objective 2: Identify basic needs of living things (plants and animals) and their abilities to meet their needs.

Dance

Standard 1

The student will identify and safely demonstrate Knowledge of the body and movement skills in Performing dance.

Objective 2

Identify and execute locomotor steps and axial movement.

Music: Happy (Gru's Theme from Despicable Me) Pharrell Williams

Warm up and introduction:

Explore axial movement (movement that stays in one place.) Examples: bend, twist, grow, stretch, kick, swing, etc.

Explore locomotor steps (movement that travels.) Examples: leap, crawl, roll, skip, gallop, walk, run, hop, etc.

Explore:

A seed needs **water**: skip and gallop as flowing water.

A seed needs **air**: jump and spin.

A seed needs **soil**: axial movement: bent, stretch and twist.

A seed needs **sunlight**: anything you want to do, axial or locomotor.

Create:

Divide the class in half. One half begins as a seed. The other half dances around the seeds as water, air, soil, and sunlight. As the seeds are fed they grow into interesting shapes.