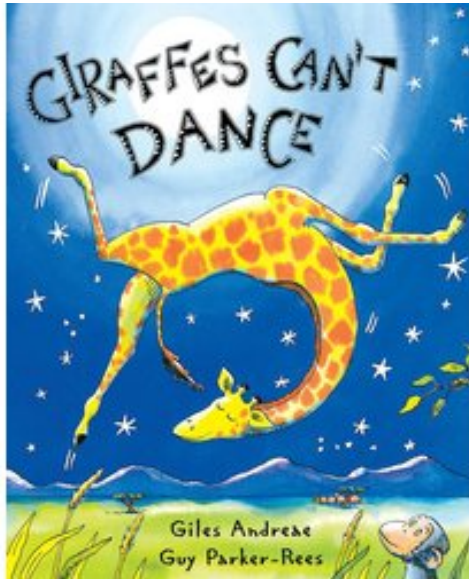


Giraffes Can't Dance



Through a heartwarming tale about dancing animals and a giraffe that overcomes his fears, this book can lend itself to many lessons.

In one section of the book, it talks about different animals dancing in specific ways. I used this as a fun movement activity in my classroom that my students loved! I'm

sure your students would too!

The warthogs waltz, the rhinos rock 'n roll, and the lions dance a tango during part of the book. I split my class up into three groups and let them move how the animals described. It was funny to watch them try to waltz! Using our movement word wall, I asked the students to describe how they were moving. They surprised me with their great descriptions! After learning the basic steps, I let the students dance around the room to the waltz, some rock 'n roll, and the tango.

Once we had finished reading the book, as a class we discussed how it's easy to try and be like everyone else, but how you can really only be yourself. I then had the students create their own movements like the giraffe.

I hope your students enjoy this book as much as mine did!