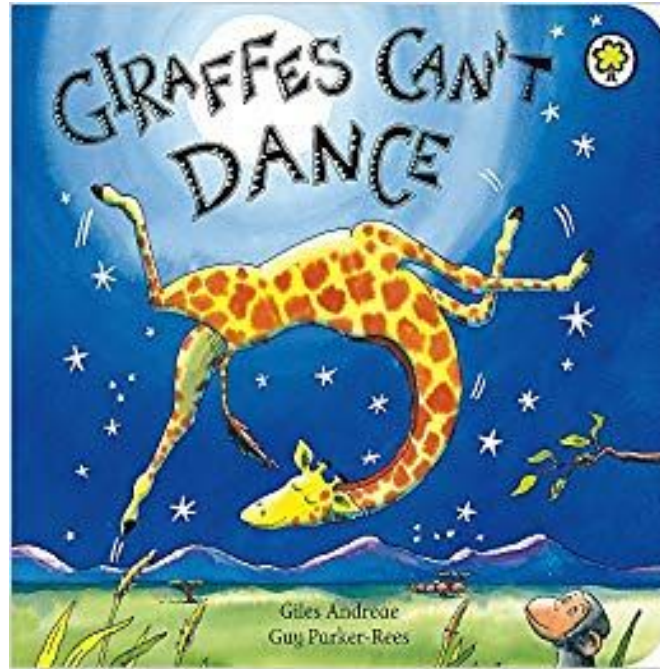


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Period 4

Week of 10/22/18-10/26/18
Theme: Safari Week



Book Title: Giraffes Can't Dance
Author: Giles Andreae
Illustrator: Guy Parker-Rees

Story Summary:

Gerald the giraffe loves to dance, but his legs are too skinny and his neck is too long. At the Jungle Dance, the warthogs waltz, the chimps cha-cha, and the lions tango. "Giraffes can't dance," they all jeer when it's Gerald's turn to prance. But with some sound advice from a wise cricket, Gerald starts swaying to his own sweet tune.

Story Facts:

1. Gerald finds the confidence to dance from a cricket
2. Gerald could finally dance because he found music he loved
3. Story is about "Finding your own tune or being yourself"
4. The other jungle animals made fun of Gerald for how he danced
5. As a result, it made him give up until he got a motivational talk

Author/Illustrator Facts:

1. Born March 16, 1966
2. He grew up in London, UK
3. He attended : Worcester College, Oxford, Eton College, University of Oxford
4. He is a British poet, greeting card writer, and children's book writer
5. The illustrator who helped with the story used colorful watercolor to make the animals come alive

Story Introduction:

I will tell the students that since it is safari week, we are going to be reading a book about a giraffe that can't dance. I will tell them the book title, author, and illustrator. I will ask them what Gerald finally was able to do and what other animals they saw in the story

Story Stretching Questions:

1. Have you ever felt shy about dancing before like Gerald?
2. What is your favorite animal?
3. What kind of animal is Gerald?
4. Have you ever been on a safari trip?
5. What was your favorite part of the book?
6. What makes you want to dance?

Story Review:

To review with the children, I will ask them what animals were in the jungle that Gerald was in. I will know that the children are listening and paying attention by the way they are sitting and whether or not they are looking at me and participating. Overall, I will ask if they liked the book and what about the book did they like.

