

## Kids Who Care Workshops Creative Dramatics in the Classroom

"Teachers have the ability to transform their classrooms into a jungle as they guide their students through exploring the wonders of the ecosystem."

- Hope Wilton, Kids Who Care Education Director

Creative dramatics is process-driven, drama-based, instruction that produces a learning environment that nourishes students' minds by providing curriculum that is engaging and accessible.

The standard way of teaching is typically based upon visual and auditory learning styles, but as educators build a creative toolbox that access the different learning styles, students gain a sense of ownership over their education as they internalize and retain information.

"Creative dramatics allows students to bridge their own experience with relevant content in the classroom. We're excited to provide educators with ways to engage students in conversations across the content areas, while reflecting on positive ways to understand and shape the world around them."

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## **Introductory Workshop**

"Creative Dramatics in the Classroom" will teach early childhood and early elementary educators how to incorporate Creative Dramatics into their classroom. The plans includes a series of 12 one-hour classes, or 60 fifteen-minute short lessons, represents 39 years of best practices in the theatre classroom and was developed and implemented on-site with 4 & 5 year olds at Kids Who Care. Teachers tell us this curriculum is applicable in the classroom, meets essential elements, and can be easily incorporated into their daily schedule.

## **Advanced Workshop**

Become a resource for your school by learning to transform your Creative Dramatics experience to teach teachers how to implement this exciting curriculum in their classes. This "train the trainer" approach mirrors the mission of FWISD schools to encourage team-work and real-world applications in the classroom. Drama-based instruction, or creative dramatics, accesses different learning styles of students, making the classroom more learner-centered and engaging. In this workshop, we will provide educators with the core knowledge to bring drama-based institution into schools.

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Deborah Jung received her BA in Theatre from Trinity University in 1975. With teaching specialties in Creative Dramatics, Lessac Voice and Diction, and Shakespeare, her work also includes special populations including MHMR, Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Center, Texas Gifted and Talented, and Cook Children's Hospital.



**Hope Wilton** is a graduate of The University of Texas, where she received her BFA with an emphasis in theatre education. She is a Kids Who Care alum with 12 years Summer Camp experience. Hope served as the Assistant Director for this summer's Kids Who Care *The Little Mermaid* & *The King's Door*.

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