



Evergreen Park - District 124: At-Home Project

Dear Caregivers and Families,

Your 5th grader's social dance program with Dancing with Class is off to a great start. To enhance the program, we are asking each student to complete a creative project at home to be turned into the school by Nov 2, 2018. There are three projects to choose from that are described in this handout. You will find examples of each project, but your 5th grader is welcome to add their own twist and creativity to their individual project.

The project is a wonderful enhancement to the program and we plan to put them on display for their end of the program school performance!

Please have your dancer pick ONE of these projects to complete at home.

1. Dance Cinquain Poem
2. Dance Travel Magazine Cover
3. Life Sized Me



Dance Cinquain Poem

A cinquain is a five-line poem that describes a person, place or thing. Use this model to create your own cinquain focused on one of the dances you have learned. Below is an example for Hip-Hop, but you can choose from Merengue, Swing, Paso Doble, and Fox Trot. Bonus: consider adding an illustration to bring your cinquain to life!

Up-Rock	A one-word title, a noun (perhaps a favorite move; or a character who would perform the dance)
Bold, Energetic	Two adjectives
Sliding, Bouncing, Popping	Three-ing participles
The beat drops and I bust a move	A phrase
Hip-Hop	A synonym for the title, or related noun (perhaps the name of the dance)

1. _____

A one word title, a noun that tells what your poem is about

2. _____, _____

Two adjectives that describe what you're writing about

3. _____, _____, _____

Three-ing participles that describe what your poem is about

4. _____

A phrase that tells more about what you're writing about

5. _____

A synonym for your title, another noun that tells what your poem is about

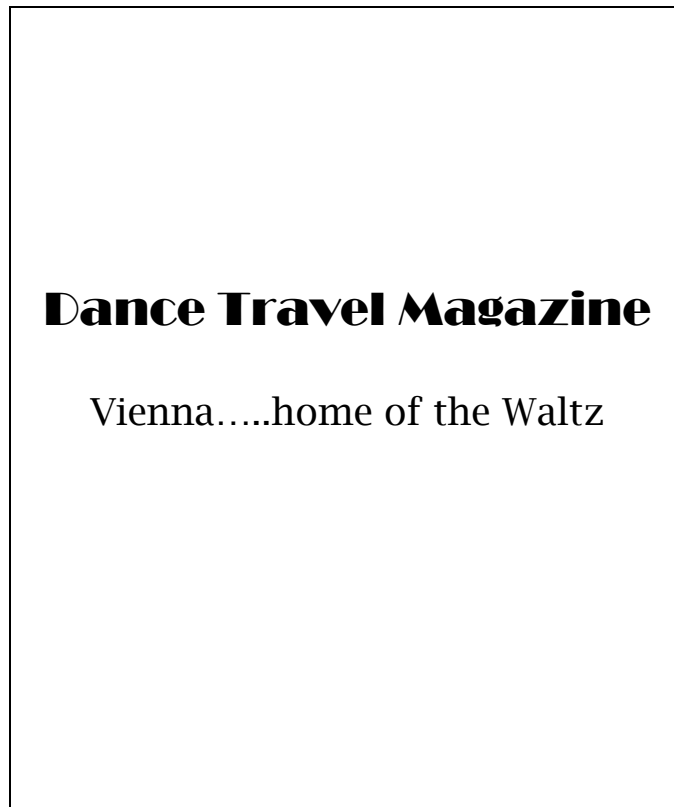


Travel Magazine Cover

Use your creativity to design a "Dance Travel Magazine" cover.

1. Use a blank piece of paper and write "Dance Travel Magazine" on the front
2. Think of the 4 dance styles you are learning and where they are from or what time period people danced that style. (even if it's today!) Merengue- Dominican Republic (1930's), Foxtrot- Hollywood, CA (1914), Paso Doble- Spain/France (18th century), or Swing- Harlem/NYC (1930's)
3. Pick one of the above locations and make that the cover destination of your magazine
4. Include pictures of famous landmarks, what food they eat, how did they dress in that time period? Bonus points if you get some dancers on the cover!
5. Drawing, painting ,magazine cut outs, pictures ,computer design are all welcome.

Example of Below (without the drawings, pictures etc):





Life-Size Me

Create a life-sized silhouette of you doing your favorite dance move!

1. Get a large piece of paper. Big enough for you to lay on - large paper can be ordered from amazon.com as well as purchased at craft and office stores. Taping poster board together is also a great option.
2. Pick your favorite dance pose from one of the dances you are learning
3. Lay down on the piece of paper and commit to your dance pose
4. Have a friend or family member trace your outline on the large paper
5. Decorate your silhouette with characteristics that remind you of that dance. For example: Merengue is a vibrant party dance, so maybe pick bright colors, and textures to decorate your pose. Paso Doble is a more serious dance, so maybe darker colors and accessories.
6. You can be inspired by a costume or it can be more abstract and decorated with things, object and colors that remind you of that dance style.
7. Cut it out and bring it to school!