



Telling stories through dance

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When Salt Creek Ballet recently visited Stone School, the students learned how to portray storybook characters through dance. Here, a group of second graders perform as ostriches from the African folk tale, *The Lonely Lioness*. Their dance serves to plead with the lions not to take their baby chicks. Story and more photos inside.

Stone 2nd graders welcome Salt Creek Ballet

Stone School second graders had the opportunity to work with Kelly Stokes from the Salt Creek Ballet as part of a 6-week Literacy through Dance residency program.

Stokes frequently visits the school to teach the students fundamentals of ballet and this time, she read fairy tales and folk stories.

The students dressed in costumes that related to the stories. With Stokes' instruction, the students portrayed their characters through dance.

The students showcased what they'd learned as part of the 2nd grade musical program that was held on Thursday, Feb 15.



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Above: Salt Creek Ballet has been working with the second grade students at Stone School, teaching them how to portray storybook characters through dance. When the lions threaten the ostriches' chicks in the African folk tale, *The Lonely Lioness*, the mongooses, portrayed here, strutted among the lions to distract them, so the baby chicks can be safely returned to their mothers.

Right: These second grade students at Stone School practice their big finish, which they performed following their portrayal of the African folk tale *The Lonely Lioness*. It was just one of the lessons they learned from Kelly Stokes from the Salt Creek Ballet when the Literacy through Dance program came to the school.

