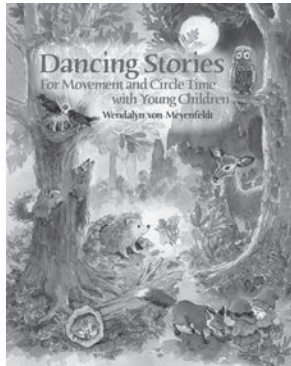

Dancing Stories: For Movement and Circle Time with Young Children

Wendalyn von Meyenfeldt

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Dancing Stories: For Movement and Circle Time with Young Children is a fresh, practical resource for the classroom or home program, filled with original verses and gesture games for circle time and play. Each day working on this book at WECAN, from perusing

Wendalyn von Meyenfeldt's bright, rich verses, to enjoying Sheila Harrington's fine illustrations of woodland creatures and fairy tableaux, was a joy.

Wendalyn's daily life among the cedars and saltwater landscapes of her Canadian coastal home have contributed unique yet familiar moods to her verses. Her long experience in eurythmy and

movement, as well as teaching in several North American Waldorf schools, have led her to craft wisely inventive new circle-time games and story activities for young children.

Movement activity, vital to healthy motor development, is central to the Waldorf early childhood curriculum. With this as her foundation, Wendalyn further infuses her work with a multicultural awareness of how important the circle dance is throughout the world, giving form to so many community gestures—blessing, gratitude, celebration, healing, invocation. She notes that when we bring this gesture to the early childhood classroom, we further demonstrate cooperation, patience, and other formative social cues and gestures.

We hope you will enjoy your encounter with these new circle games, and bring them, with your own creativity and understanding, to your own circle time. ♦