



Leila's

Music & Movement Class

Music & Movement has been so much fun over the last six weeks! We spent some time revisiting some prior favorites such as *Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Tutti-tah*. Then, we examined parts of the artistic culture of Easter Island (Rapa Nui). From having visited Rapa Nui during my time with Inlet Dance Theatre during a two-week artists' exchange, I have some fun things to share! We practiced some Easter Island dance steps and a *hoko* (chanted story) about a flying fish. We looked at some costume pieces from Easter Island and danced to music from the group, *Kari Kari*.

We examined pictures of aquariums, later, and then pretended to be the animals and plants inside. Last week, we successfully played the "aquarium game" wherein one group of students remains stationary (as the plants or rocks in the aquarium) and the other group pretends to be the animals swimming over, under and around the stationary students. The children were wonderfully careful and cooperative with one another. We saw some very creative dolphins, starfish, sharks, and seaweed.

This has been a fantastic, creative, musical year! Have a wonderful summer!