

JOY in Motion™ — Pilot Residency

A Human-Centered STEAM + SEL Experience for Elementary Classrooms

Overview

JOY in Motion™ is a short-term pilot residency designed for elementary classrooms (Grades K–5) that blends art, science, and social-emotional learning through embodied, hands-on exploration. Students investigate motion, energy, systems, and creativity using movement (yo-yo physics), simple making (paper/soft circuits), and collaborative problem-solving — all aligned to Texas standards. This pilot format is intentionally low-risk, flexible, and easy to schedule, making it ideal for first-time partnerships.

Learning Focus

- Motion, force, and energy (TEKS Science)
- Creative process & visual arts integration (TEKS Fine Arts)
- Collaboration, persistence, and self-regulation (SEL)
- Design thinking & systems awareness (STEAM)

Residency Structure (Choose One)

Option A: In-Class Series

- 3–5 days
- 30–45 minutes per class
- One grade level or classroom

Option B: Workshop Series

- 2–3 longer sessions
- Small group or grade cohort
- Culminating share or mini-showcase

Option C: Teacher + Student Pilot

- Short professional learning for teachers
- Followed by student workshops
- Designed for scalability

Sample Activities

- Yo-Yo Motion Lab (spin, gravity, balance)
- Joy Flame Paper Circuits (LEDs + copper tape)
- Design challenge: Spin → Fly → Launch
- Reflection through movement, drawing, or discussion

Outcomes

Students will:

- Explain how motion and energy work
- Practice perseverance and creative problem-solving
- Experience science as something they can touch
- Engage joyfully with learning through art and movement

Teachers will:

- Observe arts–integrated STEAM strategies
Gain adaptable classroom activities
- Collect pilot data for future programming

About the Teaching Artist

Jenifer Joy is a teaching artist and educator with a Master of Science in Education and extensive experience in arts–integrated, student–centered learning. She is the creator of JOY in Motion™, a methodology that helps learners see and feel how energy flows through bodies, ideas, and systems.

Next Steps

Pilot residencies are customizable and can be:

- campus–funded
- PTA/PTO–supported
- grant–funded
- district–partnered

Let's explore a pilot that supports your students and teachers.

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