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Sparks Fly High: The Legend of Dancing Point
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Dance the Jig That Beat the Devil

Kids, Parents, and Teachers can all learn how to do an easy dance related to the colonial folktale *Sparks Fly High*. Now you can dance as they did in 18th century America so kick up your heels and have fun!

The Jig

- Stand straight, shoulders back, looking straight ahead.
- Start with right toe pointed and crossed over lower left leg.
- Raise right knee.
- Lower right knee, place right foot flat on floor in front.
- Shift weight onto left foot in back.
- Shift weight to right foot in front.
- Raise and lower left leg
- Skip one, two, three (tiny, very fast skips)
- Raise and lower right leg
- Skip one, two, three
- Continue raising and lowering legs and skipping till tired.

(Many thanks to Mary's daughter, Christy, for showing her the steps.)

Sparks Fly High: The Legend of Dancing Point retold by Mary Quattlebaum, illustrated by Leonid Gore (Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2006, ages 4 and up, \$16). In this lively picture book retelling of a colonial American folktale, Colonel Lightfoot uses fancy footwork and sharp wits in his battle against the devil for a bit of Virginia land.

Check Mary's website www.maryquattlebaum.com for photos of the real Dancing Point, close to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and Colonel Lightfoot's grave, and for "Teaching and Writing Activities" related to the book. Check Colonial Williamsburg's website www.history.org to see how 18th century Americans lived, dressed, and played.