

What To Expect for Parents of Level 1 Students!

Thank you for entrusting your precious child to our care as they experience their first dance class!
Below are parent expectations before, during and after class.

Before Class

When you arrive at the studio please ask your little one if they need to use the bathroom.
Unless otherwise stated by your child's teacher, have your child put on their shoes and be ready to go in to class with their bags. Instructors will specify which shoe they would like to start class in.

The teacher will arrive in the lobby to call out their students' names to line up to walk to their classroom. A teaching assistant assigned to the class will assist with this.
Your child may have some tears and at times outright crying for the first few weeks. Typically this is reconciled once the student has settled in the classroom. The teacher's positive and comforting conversation with all the students usually calms their uncertainty and separation anxiety. If there is prolonged crying the teacher or assistant will bring your child to you and encourage a conversation with you and your child then hopefully your child will want to return to class.

During Class

It is our policy that a parent does not come into the classroom until the first parent observation week. Especially with little ones, they have to get comfortable in the classroom and its structure with the knowledge that their parents are nearby (see below).

Parents are expected to remain in the lobby for as many classes as needed until it is certain that their child is settled comfortably into the classroom setting with no separation issues. The teacher will inform you when it is okay to leave.

When necessary, the teacher assistant will bring students to the bathroom during class.

After Class

The teacher will dismiss students from their line one at a time ONLY upon seeing their parent. If you are late the child will wait with the receptionist to allow the teacher to go to their next class.
After 4 weeks with the teacher's consistency of reminding the students of appropriate classroom behavior expectations, if there are behavior issues the teacher will bring this to your attention after class. It is our experience with these precious little ones that these open conversations between the teacher, the mom (or other main care-giver) and the child keeps the little ones on track to adapt well to and thrive in the structure of their first dance experience.

- Please talk to your child about the classroom rules below which take time to follow consistently.
- Put your bag in a cubby when you enter the classroom.
- Look at your teacher's eyes when she is speaking to you.
- Look at your teacher when she is dancing with you.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Raise your hand if you want to say something.
- Do not touch the mirror.
- Have fun doing free dance with fun props! Props include twirl ribbons, wands, scarves, maracas, crowns, and teddy bears!!

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