

DANCE NOTES

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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



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COMMITMENT

As spring approaches, children's schedules are often filled with baseball practices, birthday parties, or just play dates in the warm spring weather. You and your child have made the commitment of finishing the dance year to her teacher and the other students in her class, so weekly lessons & practicing should come before the other activities. Also, dance students may just now be realizing that while dance is still fun, it is a lot more work than they thought it would be. However, they do not realize how close they are to finishing with our summer recital less than 15 lessons away!

As adults, we should be teaching children the idea of commitment and finishing what you start. Very often, I see parents allowing their children to quit dance in the last few months before recital. This makes it very hard on me,

as a teacher, to rechoreograph dances at the last minute. It is also letting down the other students in the class & making them work twice as hard at relearning parts. As parents, you've also put a great deal of money into lessons & non-refundable costumes.

Completing the year will also give your child a sense of accomplishment at recital; knowing they CAN do it!

We will be talking about this subject in class & I hope you agree & can reiterate this fact at home!

PROGRESS CHARTS

I want the students to feel good about themselves and this is accomplished by practicing and memorizing their dance routines. To encourage them, I will soon begin a progress chart in the studio to show your child's development in class. Students will receive a star on the chart for each class they are in (ballet, tap, jazz). Students will be given a specific color according to their achievements in class each week:

Gold Star - Excellent; *Keep up the hard work!*

Silver Star - Very Good; *Pays attention in class & tries hard. Practice at home is showing!*

Blue Star - Good; *Is trying, but having some trouble. Keep practicing with your tape at home.*

Green Star - Fair; *Doesn't always pay attention or do their best work or has missed lessons. Needs more practice at home.*

Red Star - Poor; *Not paying attention in class, not trying. Must practice at home.*

As it gets closer to recital and they begin to feel more comfortable with their routines, their progress will most likely improve.

I will not put stars up until the end of each day, however, you may come in before or after class the next week to view the chart. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, I will be happy to make arrangements to call or meet with you at a mutually agreeable time, so that my attention is on the class in progress.

Your child needs to be at class and on time every week. When your child is not in class, it makes it hard on everyone to have a good practice. Your child's color on the progress chart will reflect their absences, since they will be unfamiliar with the material covered at the lessons they missed.

Also, please have your child practice at least 2 or 3 times a week at home with their tapes. I update tapes every week or so with new music and instructions. With only about 15 more practices, their work at home will show at the recital.

RECITAL

SUNDAY,
JUNE 19TH
3PM

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW!

CELEBRITY CORNER

Student of the Month

Crystal Martin, age 9, was named dance student of the month for February. Crystal works hard in class and remembers her routines. Good Job Crystal. Congratulations!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- Zynda Boyer - March 11th
- Miranda Wade - March 14th
- Miss Kim - March 23rd

DANCE PUZZLE

Mystery Message
Circle all the even numbers and write them down in the order they appear to complete the name of a famous ballet.

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| 18 | J | 16 | S | 10 | L | 11 | C | 5 | N | 13 | E | 1 | B | 15 | W | D | |
| 14 | E | D | 9 | G | 15 | R | P | 12 | U | 3 | X | 8 | M | 4 | K | | |
| 15 | L | 1 | Q | 2 | I | 17 | O | 3 | K | 5 | N | 17 | P | 15 | Z | | |
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DANCE WEBSITES

www.justforkix.com -
Dance apparel & gifts
Order a gift for your favorite dancer!

www.tapdance.org -
The Tap Dance Homepage
Information to keep up on the world of tap dancing.

"Great dancers are not great because of their technique; they are great because of their passion." -- Martha Graham

"Dance is music made visible" -- George Balanchine

"Dancers are the athletes of god" -- Albert Einstein

"You know you're dancing when tears of pain and happiness blend in with your sweat." -- Unknown

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 March Tuition Due | 2 March Tuition Due | 3 March Tuition Due | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 March Tuition Due | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Final Recital Fee Payment Due | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | | | | | No Practice | No Practice |
| 27 Happy Easter! | 28 No School But we <u>WILL</u> have dance! | 29 | 30 | 31 | Parent Observation Week April 4th-7th Limit 1 or 2 observers per child please. | |