



## TEENY DANCERS

(ages 18 months – 2 yrs 11 mo)

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to welcome your little one to our TEENY DANCERS class! This class is designed as a parent/child class, and we do depend upon the participation of the grown-up to help your child have a successful experience. This class is designed to be fun for both you and your toddler. If your child is not doing everything all the time, that is OK, they are still taking in the music and the movement. They are still around other children their age and benefiting from the class.

Please arrive early on the first day in order to get them acclimated to their new teacher and environment. Sometimes, our Teeny Dancers are hesitant because they are unaware of their environment. Please remember that it may take a few weeks for the child to warm-up to the idea of the class, even if they LOVE to dance.

It is our policy for this class that only one grown-up be in the classroom with each dancing toddler. Grown-ups may not "switch off" during the class, as this is a disruption to the flow of the class. Siblings of walking age and up are not allowed in the classroom. Infants are only allowed if they can be worn in a carrier by the grown-up. If the infant becomes restless or crying, we ask that the grown-up step out of the classroom with the infant, and their dancing toddler, until they have calmed down.

We do prefer that the grown-ups handle discipline. The teacher will consistently work to instill the participation and focus of the child - but at this age – assistance is needed. In general, this age group needs their grown-up to help them participate in all the activities, and guide them around the space to keep them on task. The grown-up is expected to do all of the dancing with their young dancer.

If the child is being a distraction by not staying on task, or if a child is upset and crying, we ask that the grown-up step out of the room with the child until they have calmed down. This will keep the other toddlers from getting distracted or upset.

Please note that our curriculum for this "toddler" dance class is designed for ages 18 months to 2 ½ years. Sometimes, the 2 ½ year olds are not quite ready to move on to our Dance Tots class, and we allow them to stay in Teeny Dancers through the age of 2 yrs 11 months. However, our goal is that by the age of 3, these dancers are ready to move out of the Teeny Dancers program into our Dance Tots\* class (for ages 2 yr 6 months – 3 yrs 11 mo). Dance Tots is a teacher/child class and students participate at this level without the grown-up in the classroom. (\*Class availability for a Dance Tots class may vary depending upon the time of year.)

We hope you all have a positive experience at our studio. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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