

Classroom expectations In a preschool dance class there are many fundamental concepts that are being taught, including classroom etiquette, balance, rhythm, coordination and large motor and small motor skills. You will notice moments where we are moving as a class, and moments when dancers are moving one at a time while the rest of the class waits to take turns. Our expectation is that dancers enjoy themselves, and part of this enjoyment is respecting themselves and respecting the other dancers, the classroom and the instructor. We also expect that dancers will participate willingly in the entire class. That being said, we understand that sometimes dancers may be apprehensive about what is going on in class. What you can expect from us is a nurturing environment where your child is given the tools they need to build their confidence, creativity and ability.

Parents, for preschool classes we also ask that you stay at the studio for the duration of the class. If your child should need to use the restroom, we need your assistance (hopefully, this won't happen because everyone went before hand).

Winter Weather Closing If Minneapolis Public Schools close because of weather, or cancel after school activities due to winter weather, then we will be closed. We will post on Facebook, Twitter, the website, and voice mail by 3 pm. If there is time, we will also send an e-mail. If the weather is bad enough, we might not be able to get to the studio to post something on the door, so please check these places. There are no make-ups for inclement weather closing.

Discontinuing Class If you need to discontinue class for any reason, you need to let us know in writing by the 15th of the month prior to leaving. Please e-mail Ann at ann@ballareteatro.com to discontinue class. If you let us know after the 15th, you will be responsible for the following month's tuition, but you won't be charged after that.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to **contact Ann Williams, Director either by phone at the studio 612-721-8619, on her cell 612-267-1766 or via e-mail at ann@ballareteatro.com**. We are all so thankful that you have chosen Ballare Teatro Performing Arts Center for your preschooler's dance education. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Preschool Program Handbook 2018-2019



Welcome to the Preschool Program at Ballare Teatro Performing Arts Center. We are so happy to have you with us this year and look forward to a great year of exploring movement. This brochure is intended to give you a snapshot of what to expect this year in class and let you know what our expectations are as well.

Preparing For Class Please arrive for class a few minutes early to give your dancer time to prepare for class. This includes using the restroom, taking a drink of water, and putting on shoes (please tuck ties into ballet shoes, or tie them in a knot and cut them off!). Giving your dancer time to gear up for class makes for a better overall class experience.

Dancers should dress appropriately for dance—in the preschool program pretty much anything goes! Pink or black leather ballet shoes, tights, leggings, tutu's, skirts, polka dot tights, sweat shorts, superhero costumes, whatever gets your dancer in the mood to dance is great with us! If hair could be out of the dancers face that would be wonderful.

Communication In any learning situation, communication is the key to a great experience. At Ballare Teatro we want parents to feel in the loop of the learning that goes on in the studio. We have windows on the doors of each studio space so you can observe the classroom at any time. You will notice if you do watch through the windows that our instructors are professionals who truly love what they do.

We love having you watch, however, if you notice that your child is distracted by seeing you (or a younger sibling), we ask that you step away or be more discrete so your child can focus on class. If there is ever an issue in class, your child's instructor will make sure you are aware of it and work with you and your dancer to make the learning process positive. We also have two family visitation weeks each year so you can sit in on the fun—and even dance a little yourself! All family members are welcome on these days.

Newsletter You should be receiving a monthly newsletter in your e-mail inbox. This is how we communicate pretty much everything, so if you aren't receiving it, check at the desk or e-mail Ann and we will make sure you are on the list! The more communication the better, so we are happy to include both parents, grandparents, anyone who is involved in your dancer's dance education should be informed.

If you have not received any communication via e-mail to date, please stop by the front desk to double check that we have the correct information in our databases.

Bulletin Boards We update our bulletin boards regularly with info on upcoming events, important classroom information, etc. There is one by the step down studio and one by the upstairs big studio. Check them out!

Facebook Like us on Facebook for up to date info on closings etc. The newsletter is also there in case you aren't receiving it via e-mail. <https://www.facebook.com/BallareTeatroPAC>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/BallareTeatro>

Instagram @ballareteatro

Snapchat @ballareteatro

If you call the studio during the day, please leave a message. We check the messages twice/day. We will return your call within 24 hours.

E-mail is the best way to communicate with us! You can e-mail Ann at ann@ballareteatro.com. Please let us know about any absences your child may have or any questions or concerns you have.

Creative Dance Performance. In this show we interpret a story through movement. Past performance include 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' 'My Many Colored Days' and 'In the Tall Tall Grass'. You will find out what story we are doing at the March Family Visitation week. Dancers need to be at the school at 5:30. Show starts at 6. This FREE performance is intended to be a low-key introduction to being on stage. There is no costume requirement for this show...all you provide the raucous applause for your dancer!



A note about parking We love it when you park and come into the studio! We prefer it to the drop and run method. We know that parking on the street can be difficult. There are a few things we need you to keep in mind: 1. Please do not block the alley. Cars need to be 5 feet from the alley on both sides. 2. Please park 30 feet from the stop sign. 3. Please do not pull over and drop your child out at the stop sign, or across 43rd street. Cars turn are waiting to turn (on the Ballare side) or they come around the corner very quickly and might not see your child running across the street.