

PLATINUM DANCE KINDER-THEATER

Parent Guide What to Expect

Thank you for choosing Platinum Dance! We want your experience to be a positive one. Here are a few tips to make the transition into a new environment as smooth as possible!

BEFORE CLASS

When you arrive, wait with your dancer in the lobby near your assigned studio.

Please do not allow dancers to run around or go in the studios. Take your dancer to the restroom before class, then put your their dance shoes on & wait for the instructor to invite you in.

STARTING CLASS

Kinder-Theater is intended for the dancers & the instructor(s). Therefore parents are kindly asked to wait in the lobby & observe class from the TV monitor. Parents in the classroom/doorway can be a distraction to the class.

DURING CLASS

Kinder-Theater is a 40 min class in ballet shoes. Dancers explore new movements through fun music & props, and learn beginner Musical Theater steps. Platinum Dance instructors use high energy, creativity, & positive encouragement in the classroom.

END OF CLASS

Class may end with a special song/activity/dance. Each dancer receives a stamp/sticker for their job well done, and the dancers will be sent out in the lobby to find their parent. Please meet your dancer at the classroom door at the end of class.

SEPARATION

We understand some children may have a difficult time being away from you. This is normal & will get better with time! If your child is upset/crying, we may send them out to ease their anxiety with you until they are ready.

Once a child is in the classroom & doing OK, we encourage them to stay in the classroom for the full 40 min.

PARTICIPATION

Some children may be apprehensive to jump right in & may take longer than others to adjust to the new environment. A child may need the instructor to hold their hand, or they may want to sit out & observe a bit before trying it out. Eventually, they will see the fun & want to join in, but we always give it time.

IS MY DANCER READY?

No previous dance experience is required to enroll in Kinder-Theater. Kinder-Theater is intended for ages 5 - 7. If your child is not within those ages, they may need more time before they are ready or they may be old enough for our Kids Musical Theater class. If they do fall within the age bracket and try the class, but they are having difficulty - give it a few weeks. After a month of trying, if you and the instructor feel they are not ready/not enjoying it, you can look at other options: try another class/instructor, or give it a couple months & try again! The overall goals of the class are to engage dancers in socialization, structure & community...and FUN!