



## **WELCOME TO COMBO DANCE CLASS!**

The Combo dance classes are always such fun and so special to teach each year. We love watching Combo dancers go from nervous little ones, to shining, confident stars on stage by the end of the dance season. Many of our 10 years+ dancers still talk about their first dance recital and who their first Combo dance teacher was.

Whether this is your dancer's first or second year in Combo, there are a few things to keep in mind to ensure a smooth and fun dance year!

### **How does Combo work?**

Combo classes are the foundation of our dance curriculum. In Combo classes, we focus on making sure our youngest dancers are following directions, taking turns, cooperating with classmates, and expressing themselves. Building a love of dance within our Combo students is very important to us. We guarantee imaginative, creative and fun learning while focusing on dance and tumbling skills.

Each week dancers should wait in the lobby with their classmates for their teacher or assistant teacher to bring them to the studio room. We recommend getting to class a few minutes early to have time to park, change shoes and get situated. ***Parents are welcome to walk their child to the studio room, although, parent observation is not permitted on a regular basis.*** We offer specific 'Watch Weeks' in which families are invited inside the class to observe.

Dancers will start each week in their ballet shoes. When it is time to work on tap, the teacher and teaching assistant will help change everyone's shoes in the classroom. Most dancers bring a small dance bag with shoes and water to and from class each week. This is optional and can be brought into the studio room!

Combo dancers will end each week with a coloring page to help solidify that week's lesson or new vocabulary words. After class, teachers and/or staff will always walk the class back out to the lobby and wait until each child is picked up.



In the early Winter months, Combo students will begin learning the dance they will perform in the June recital. Our teachers are happy to share the dance song title for personal use and practice at home.

**A Few Things To Keep In Mind As Your Dancer Progresses This Year...**

Sometimes Combo dancers' cry. Sometimes they don't want to come to dance that day. Sometimes they fall asleep in the car, and you have to wake them and they try to sleep on the floor during class. It's okay. We're used to it and it never lasts long!

There will be a day when your dancer won't come to dance without a fight unless they can wear their giant sparkle tutu/princess tiara/superhero cape or bring a stuffed animal to watch them dance. It's okay. We will always make it work!

The first time you decide to run an errand during class, you will be stuck at the train on the way back and be late to pick up your dancer. It's okay. We never leave Combo dancers unattended!

The Combo teachers at Metro have years of experience teaching and working with young children. They are excellent at keeping the kids involved and keeping them moving through the curriculum all while they are having a blast in class.

If you ever have any questions, especially if this is your first year in dance, please ask the front desk or your child's teacher. Our other dance families, teachers and older students are also great resources and love to help.

**Thank you for choosing to dance with us!**

**It is going to be a great year!**

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