PARENT GUIDE

Children's Division
(ages 3-6 years)

Session Dates & Closures

- **FALL SESSION:** August 31- December 13, 2026
    - **Studio Closures:**
        - Labor Day: **September 7**
        - Thanksgiving Break: **November 24-29**
    - **Fall Family Showcase:** December 7-13 *(held during your child's regularly scheduled class time)*

- **WINTER SPRING SESSION:** January 18- May 9, 2027
    - **Studio Closures:**
        - Spring Break: **March 22-28**
    - **Winter Spring Family Showcase:** May 3-9 *(held during your child's regularly scheduled class time)*

Attire, Hair, & Jewelry

- **Female Students:** Any color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes *(optional skirts and tutus are welcome.)*
- **Male Students:** White t-shirt, black shorts or tights, black ballet shoes.
- **Hair & Accessories:** Hair must be neatly pulled back away from the face and off the neck. **Please, no bracelets or necklaces.**
- **Shoe Safety:** Double knot long shoestrings or neatly tuck them inside the shoe prior to class.

Absences & Make Up Classes

How to request a make-up class:

- Please do not request a make-up class via email. Submit our online **Make-Up Request Form**.
- List the specific day and time options (of the same level) that work with your schedule. It may be necessary to view our **Fall Class Schedule** or **Winter Spring Class Schedule** first.
- We will review availability and contact you via email to confirm if space is available.
- If your requested date is full, our office cannot hold or monitor future dates. You are welcome to submit a new request for a different date.
- **Availability & Scheduling:** Because most of our classes are at or near capacity, make-up spots rely entirely on *known absent dancers* and are **not guaranteed**.
- **Make-Up Policy:** No more than two make-up classes, and no make-up classes during Showcase Week.

How to report an absence:

- If your dancer will be absent, please notify us in advance at contact@storybookballet.com.

Arrival & Studio Etiquette

- **Early Arrival:** We suggest arriving 10 minutes early to class to allow your dancer to use restroom, put shoes on, and prepare calmly.
- **Punctuality:** Please avoid arriving late. The opening minutes of class establish focus and set the foundation for a successful lesson. Arriving late can be overwhelming for young dancers and disruptive to the class.

Fairytale Curriculum

- Our fairytale calendar is displayed on our lobby bulletin board.
- Stories are thoughtfully adapted to fit within the final portion of class, weaving together literature, music, movement, creative expression, and handmade costumes to bring each classic tale to life for our young dancers.

Behavior Policy

- To maintain a safe and supportive learning environment, students must be able to follow basic directions. If a dancer is consistently distracted or disrupting their peers, they may be asked to observe the class from the lobby. If behavioral concerns persist, we reserve the right to withdraw a student so all children can learn effectively.

Inclement Weather

- **Cancellations:** In the event of severe weather, families will be notified directly via email.
- If a class is canceled due to weather, parents are welcome to request a makeup class using our online **Make-Up Request Form**. Please note that makeup space is limited, on a first-come basis, and not guaranteed. No tuition credits or refunds are provided for weather closures.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful session with your family!