PARENT GUIDE

PreBallet Division
(ages 5.5-7 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**
    - Fall Family Showcase: **May 3-9** ***(held during your child's regularly scheduled class time)***

🌸 If you know your child will be absent from their Showcase, please notify us immediately as this will affect our choreography.

Attire, Hair, & Jewelry

- **Female Students:** Pastel pink leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. No attached or pull-on skirts please!
- **Male Students:** White t-shirt, black tights, black ballet shoes.
- **Hair & Accessories:** Long hair should be worn in a bun. Short hair should be secured away from the face and off the neck. A bun tutorial can be found on our website under CLASS INFO/Attire. We will do a hair demonstration at the end of your child's first class. **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**.
- If your child attends a make-up class, they will practice the choreography at the back of the studio.
- Regular attendance is needed to build choreography. If your child is regularly absent, this affects their ability to learn the material and affects the class overall.
- **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. If you arrive late and students are at the barre, please wait until the exercise is complete before sending your child into the studio.

Magic Curriculum

- As our dancers continue their Storybook journey, we weave imagination into every lesson through our proprietary *Magic Curriculum*. Using creative artistry, classic props, and musical expression, we preserve the wonder of dance while building strong, disciplined technical skills.

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.

Outside Performance & Audition Policy

- If a student wishes to audition for outside productions (such as *The Nutcracker*), please inform us! We can walk you through the process and make sure that your child is prepared, supported, and has our professional Audition Tips!

Pre-Ballet Foundations: The "Why" Behind Our Traditions

- **The Barre:** Introduces formal technique- building posture, alignment, and leg stability for advancing levels.
- **The Uniform:** Eliminates visual distractions and allows teachers to accurately assess body alignment for safety and technique.
- **The Ballet Bun:** Keeps hair secure and away from the face while revealing head, neck, and shoulder alignment for proper correction.

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