



Dear Parents,

Hello and Happy day to you! It's finally here! Our End of the Year Program and Preschool Graduation will take place on **Monday, 17 May 2021 at 10:00am** at **The Dance Project SLC**. This is a very special occasion for your child, as it will be the first time many of them have performed on-stage. In addition, they will be showcasing what they have learned throughout the year. Finally, they will have the honor of receiving their Preschool Diploma and participating in their graduation ceremony. Please read over the following information carefully, as it should address all aspects of the upcoming performance.

*As a special note, there are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to times listed in the following outline. However, please prepare for the *possibility* of adding 5 minutes to the end times listed for the *worst case scenario* where class may be let out late (we are working with 3-5 year olds and sometimes life happens). Please do not ask to pick up your child early, as it will disrupt the class/rehearsal for 18 other children whose parents planned ahead. The doors to the studio will remain closed and locked until the times listed and until I am ready to start/end your class' turn.

Graduation Pictures Information FRIDAY, May 7, 2021

Mandatory for ALL Students

School Graduation Pictures: These will take place on **Friday, 7 May, 2021** at **The Dance Project, SLC (Studio 2)** from **9:45am-11:15am. This will be class for the day.** Please have your child wear **blue denim jeans/shorts or skirts and their 2021 School Shirt**. We will be doing class pictures as well as a large group picture. Please make every effort to have your child present at this event. This is the only chance they will have to be in our school graduation pictures. I will open the door to the Studio when it is your class' turn to come in. You can leave your child with Miss Sam and the parent helpers that have been kind enough to volunteer to help out. **I will need 2 parents that would be willing to volunteer to help with crowd control/activities.** If you would be willing to do so, please let me know by Tuesday, May 4.

Dress Rehearsal Information Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mandatory for ALL Students

Dress Rehearsal: The dress rehearsal for our program will be on **Thursday, 13 May 2021** at **The Dance Project SLC (Studio 2)**. It will take place from **9:15am-10:00am. This will be class for the day.** Please have your child wear **blue denim jeans/shorts or skirts and their 2021 School Shirt (NO OVERALLS and NO FLIP-FLOPS).** **Please take your child to the restroom prior to dropping them off at 9:15am.** With so many kids, it is VERY difficult to do bathroom breaks. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. I will open the door to the Studio when I am ready for kids to come in and be picked up. **This will take the place of class on that day.** Please note that parents are not permitted to stay for this event. I have been doing the Graduation Program for over 15 years now and I promise it will be 100% more productive to have just me and my assistants with the class for this rehearsal.

Program Information MONDAY, May 17, 2021 – 10:00am

ALL Students and their families

Dress: Your child will need to be dressed in **blue denim jeans/shorts or skirts, and their 2021 School Shirt (NO OVERALLS and NO FLIP-FLOPS).** Please make every effort to keep the shirt clean and nice for their special day.

Girls: Please do not wear hair up (in a "pony-tail", bun/s, etc). Graduation hats do not stay on with these super cute hair-styles. If your child wears a skirt, they will be required to wear some type of shorts under their skirt

All kids: NO FLIP FLOPS. We have discussed this in class, and demonstrated pros and cons of these shoes. We would appreciate your support. Every year I have at least one parent send their child in flip flops, and they inevitably fall off or trip at some point in the program. Thanks for helping our program run smoothly in this way!

Time: Please bring your child to the **REHEARSAL/PREP ROOM AT THE BACK OF THE Studio** at **9:50am**. Doors will open between 9:45am and 9:50am. Please **do not arrive late**, as it will make things more difficult for all involved, and is inconsiderate to those who plan ahead and are on time. Your child will be prepared in class so they will know that you will be dropping them off and then going in the studio to sit down. The program will last about an hour. There will be photo displays set up for families to take pictures AFTER the performance.

Location: The Dance Project SLC is located at 2477 Fort Union Boulevard, #105, Cottonwood Heights.

Video/Photography: Video recording of the program is permitted and there will be a photographer video recording the program.

Admission: There is no cost for admission to the program and we welcome family that would like to support your child on this very special day! Please wear masks for anyone over the age of 6. Also, to continue to comply with local rules, please be respectful in limiting the number of invited guests.

A Few More Things:

*The cap and gown that your child will wear should be left with the Assistant Teachers after the program. If you are taking pictures, please remember to return the cap and gown right after pictures so they can be cleaned and prepared for the next group.

*Please make sure your child has a **healthy breakfast and good night's sleep** prior to coming to the program. I want them to have all of the energy possible to help them participate.

***Please take your child to the restroom just before you drop them off at 9:50am.** We will not stop for bathroom breaks once the program has started, but there is a bathroom at the studio for emergencies or if needed.

*Please encourage your child to smile during the program and participate as it will give your child a sense of accomplishment.

A Few Miscellaneous Notes

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE (WHAT'S HAPPENING PAGE AND CALENDAR) AND THIS LETTER for any questions about specifics for the rest of the school year. This will be updated on May 2, 2021. There are many, many small details that go into our Graduation preparation, and it helps if you can problem-solve or check resources prior to asking questions. If your question can be answered in any of these places, I will refer you to these resources for answers to your questions. This will give me the time to focus on making the program the best it can be, and will give you more time with your sweet kiddos.

EACH GRADUATION EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE OF SCHOOL FOR THAT DAY. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, AS WE WILL BE AT THE STUDIO FOR THE AFTERNOON CLASS GRADUATION PROGRAMS. We cannot be in two places at once (i.e. setting up the studio for several hours, coordinating and putting on a Graduation, and holding class at the school). Although my husband and children (and probably most clients) would love to duplicate me, unfortunately that technology is not available yet. The graduation programs are so dear and important to me that I love to put my heart and soul into each and every one of them and have the overwhelming desire to make each one personal special for each class.

Any days that are not specified above, that are listed on the calendar as school days are normal class schedule.

As a review: There will NOT BE REGULAR CLASS on the following dates due to Graduation Events. Rather, please refer to the handouts and Program letter for specific details about these dates:

Friday, May 7, 2021

Monday, May 17, 2021

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Unbirthday Parties MONDAY AND TUESDAY, May 10-11 , 2021

On Monday and Tuesday, **May 10th and 11th**, we will be having our Unbirthday Parties. We will be celebrating all of the summer birthdays and birthdays that we might have missed due to late enrollment. If your child has a summer birthday or missed birthday, you are welcome to bring a treat on that day to celebrate them! **Class will be at the normal time.**

Last Day of School WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021

Come to Mountview Park **at 9:30am** for a fun treat! We will get to take part in a reptile show presented by Scales and Tales Utah. **The presentation itself will start promptly at 10:00am**, will last for 45 minutes to an hour, and will include a hands-on experience for everyone. Everyone is invited (including siblings – as it will be at the park) and **parents can plan to stay**. Bring a blanket because we will be sitting on the grass. We will have donuts and juice and I have a special gift for each preschooler. This will be class for the day.

If siblings and/or friends come, please let them know that the gifts are for the 2021 Shining Stars Graduates.

Mountview Park is Located at 1651 Fort Union Blvd., Cottonwood Heights

Summer Classes

Summer Preschool Classes Begin **June 1st**. Summer classes are Super fun and a great way to keep your child engaged during the summer! I still have spots left in all classes. Details and pricing can be found on the What's Happening page on the website. Additional Summer Class flyers will be available at Graduation and on the back of the Parent Board.

Hopefully I have addressed any questions you might have. I am so looking forward to this graduation. It will be a very special day. If there are any questions I have not addressed and that cannot be found on the website or in this letter, please feel free to email me so that I can help make this graduation wonderful for your child and your family.

Thanks!

Miss Sam