

The Academy of Dance Arts

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A Letter to Our Parents Concerning Our Youngest Dancers – Ages 3-5 years,

As program funding for the arts in our schools is sadly decreasing, we at the Academy strive to educate our students as well as provide them with a solid background in the Art of Dance. We all know this starts with the basics for our Pre-school aged children. Through The Academy's Young Children's Dance Program's, students develop and improve their motor skills and train their memory by learning various beginning dance combinations and routines through a creative dance syllabus. Visual aids and props are used as valuable tools for learning. Usage of a variety of age appropriate music teaches ear training for musicality which develops rhythm skills for an early appreciation of moving the body to music correctly.

The Academy faculty is made up of highly respected professionals with reputable backgrounds in dance education and are carefully chosen individuals specializing in child development. *You can be sure students are learning body alignment and technique correctly the first time, while maintaining a stimulating and fun atmosphere.*

Here at The Academy of Dance Arts, we also tap a child's imagination as it is active and uninhibited at this age. We incorporate designs and shapes, seasonal activities, opposites such as high and low or fast and slow, story situations, improvisations, singing and acting skills. An important factor in every class at the Academy is correct posture, classroom behavior and structure.

As students progress, Dance History and Theory (basic ballet/dance terminology and definitions) are added during class. Many of the "neighborhood" dance studios and "Park District" classes lack in these important essential aspects of a student's dance training and early development for your child.

Thank you for considering The Academy of Dance Arts. You can be assured that you are taking steps toward years of magical and joyful training in the **Art of Dance**.

Sincerely,

Sherry Moray
Academy Artistic Director