

General Combo Classes Ages 2-5, Arizona Dance Artistry 2011-2012 Schedule

*Tinkerbell Ballet, Baby Ballerinas, Tiny Twinkles, Sparkling Stars, Tumble Tots, Dancing Divas, Hollywood Stars, Princess Ballet/Tap Combo**, Sparkle Ballet/Tap Combo***

**Classes have optional performances at local venues such as Desert Ridge Stage, Glendale Glitters, State Fair throughout the season*
A 45 minute-1 hour introductory dance class containing ballet or jazz and tumbling or ballet/tap combo. Young dancers will learn the basic steps while learning how to follow direction, class manners and imitate movement in a positive environment. Engaging and age appropriate music is used to get them moving! Dance technique integrated with play gets them to experience the love of dance in an applicable way. Dancers should be in dance attire with ballet shoes. We applaud all dance fashion show items-the more ruffles the happier the little princess! Hair up in ponytail or braid, off the face, dancers with short hair should have hair clipped back.

***Ballet/Tap combo classes at all levels have dress code restrictions. Dancers enrolled in these classes wear our level specific leotards in lavender, pink tights, pink ballet shoes/black tap shoes and hair in a bun.*

**Classes are kept at 8-10 student max, varies by teacher assistant availability. There are 3 spots maximum in each class listed above for 2yr old students, this is to keep class focused and let the slightly older dancers participate as leaders.*

Ballet/Tumble Combo

Tinkerbell Ballet
Baby Ballerinas
Tiny Twinkles
Sparkling Stars

Jazz/Tumble Combo

Tumble Tots
Dancing Divas
Hollywood Stars

Ballet/Tap Combo**

Princess Ballet/Tap Combo
Sparkle Ballet/Tap Combo

What to expect on the first day for your little dancer?

We are very excited and honored that you have chosen Arizona Dance Artistry as your child's FIRST dance experience! **Most 2-3yr olds come into the classroom slowly, but make great progress by the end of the year in coordination, confidence and class manners.** Their stage experience is always adorable and our only wish is that they have fun out there! We know that as a parent you have a vision for how you think the first day will go, please understand that we will take our time with your child if he/she is shy or clinging to you as they walk in the door.

Separation anxiety is one of the most common issues on the first day, you may overcome this by explaining to your child before they arrive that you will watch them through the window during the class and that you won't leave. **We have large observation windows in all three of our studios and a seated viewing area so you are comfortable while you wait.** We recommend you arrive early to class your first few times, walk your dancer through the studio, show them the pictures of others in their sparkly costumes and walk them into the dance studio to show it isn't scary!

At Arizona Dance Artistry our classes are designed as a teacher/child class. **Our policy is that all parents need to be in the viewing area or lobby when class is in session.** We also need to keep the door to the studio closed during class, in order to avoid any wandering little ones and keep distractions to a minimum. We will work with you and your child to achieve success in bringing HAPPY little ones into the classroom.

Most little dancers run right into our bright purple dance studio, jump on the pink and blue mats to tumble and never look back. Sometimes children aren't ready for a teacher/child class. As parents, we won't know until we try. **Please remember that it sometimes takes a few weeks for the child to warm up to the idea, even if they LOVE to dance.**

Our goal on the first day is to get every child into the class without you and without crying. If we have done that we have succeeded! Please don't be worried if your child just stands in the circle and stares at the class shaking their hips. We like to call this ...ABSORBING. They will dance when they are ready!!! Before you know it they will be confident to join in and repeating everything at home!