



NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

The school year has gone by so fast and is almost over! We just want you all to know how much we have enjoyed teaching your children, and how much they have touched our lives. We will be truly sad to see the four-year-old class move on to kindergarten, but we are also so excited for their futures! We are looking forward to the continuity for the three-year-old's staying on next year! We will be having graduation for our four/five-year-old's, and an end-of-year celebration for our three/four-year-old's. This is an important Gazette so please read carefully and refer back to it often.

SKILL OF FOCUS

Skills taught this month will be gluing, coloring, painting, molding, collaging, finger painting, cutting, direction following, listening in a group, participating in a group, sharing, and remembering activity songs. P.E. skills taught will be dancing to our program music, hula hoops, and jump ropes. Music skills taught are singing and movement to music. We also have dramatic play and creative movement activities. Safety taught this month is not eating plants or parts of plants from the yard. Health taught is eating a balanced diet.

LOWERCASE CLASS FOCUS

The emphasis this month will be placed on sequencing by size, length, and number; finding the one that doesn't belong, and finding pairs. We are also concentrating on developing visual skills for pre-writing and pre-reading. These include left to right progression, left to right sequencing, visual discrimination, finding the missing parts, and identifying things that are wrong in a picture.

UPPERCASE CLASS FOCUS

We will be continuing emphasis on phonics, blends, digraphs, and math. We will continue reading sight words this month. Be sure to practice reading with your student every night and get books back on Fridays. We will also be focusing more on subtraction.

- **MAY 1-5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**
- **MAY 10-11: MOMS AND MUFFINS**
- **MAY 17-18: NATURE WALK FIELD TRIP**
- **MAY 24: UPPERCASE GRADUATION**
- **MAY 25: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL**
- **MAY 31 – JUNE 1: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE**

SHOW OUR AMAZING TEACHERS SOME LOVE!

Teacher Appreciation week May 1-5

MAY 1-5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

The first week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week! Aren't Our teachers at Studio 56 Dance Center and Little Learners Preschool AMAZING?!? We are excited to have a week to show our teachers how much we appreciate them! We hope you'll join us in our efforts to make this week special for our teachers who do so much for our kids!

A little note for their teacher. This small act is something that makes a big difference! They love getting special notes from their students! This time of year is very busy for teachers, so a sweet note can give them the extra boost of energy they need! You can drop your letters in a basket at both locations.

We look forward to showering our teachers with kind words and love from their students.

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT – DONATIONS TO THE ABBINGTON SENIOR LIVING CENTER

For our spring service project, we invite all our students to help collect and donate items for our friends at The Abbingon Assisted Living and Memory Care Community. They need small prizes for Bingo and other competitive games they play. They also enjoy any pictures or letters you would like to create for them.

Some ideas for donations:

- Travel size lotions
- Notebooks
- Crosswords
- Word searches
- Fabric scarves
- Chapstick
- Coasters
- Dollar store seasonal decor
- Single-serving treats (ex. Wrapped Cookies, granola bars, crackers, chips, mints, gum, small bags of candy, little Debbie treats, nuts, pretzels)

We will be collecting donations until May 17th. Thank you for helping spread our Good Vibes from Studio 56 Dance Center to our community!

MAY 10-11: MOMS AND MUFFINS

We LOVE Moms and Muffins! Coming up May 10-11 our moms are invited to join their students in the classroom for a half-hour read-a-thon and enjoy some tasty baked goods. Please bring a favorite book you and your child enjoy reading together or choose one from our library. If their mom is unable to attend you are welcome to send a grandma, aunt, and any mother figure. We love making memories such as these with your kiddos!

Join us on your child's school day:

Uppercase A and B moms will come at 9:00.

Lowercase A and B moms will come at 11:45

Uppercase C moms will come at 3:30

Lowercase C moms will come at 12:45

MAY 17-19: NATURE FIELD TRIP

On May 17-18th we will be going on a Nature walk to Walden Park in Murray for a scavenger hunt, playtime, and sack lunch at the park. Please join us for this end-of-the-year fun! Please RSVP so we know you are planning on attending! (NO Dance this day!) We will meet at 10 am. Details are at the signup link below!

[Uppercase and Lowercase A and Field Trip](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase B Field Trip](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase C Field Trip](#)

MAY 24: UPPERCASE GRADUATION

Make sure you have reviewed the graduation details [HERE](#) under the graduation button. We will be having a small program for 3 VIP guests of each graduate. Graduation will be at the West Murray Studio: Times as follows, Uppercase A 9 am, Uppercase B 10 am, Uppercase C 11 am. A formal Invite was sent in a separate email.

MAY 25: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL

We are going to have the carnival at our West Murray Studio for our Lowercase kiddos. We will have tattoos, bounce house, games and more!

We are also accepting donations towards having a bounce house at our celebration. Any amount would be helpful. If you would like to donate you can do so via venmo @st56dance with carnival in the notes.

MAY 31- JUNE 1: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Following our final assessment, we would like to meet with you one more time to talk about your wonderful kiddo and what they can work on over the summer! Sign up at:

[Uppercase and Lowercase A Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase B Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase C Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

MAY 31- JUNE 16 CLASS SCHEDULE:

The last day of preschool is May 22-23, followed by our Graduation May 24 for our Uppercase Students and our Carnival on May 25 for our Lowercase Students.

All preschoolers performing in Concert will continue taking dance and tumbling classes after preschool ends until the performance. Classes will be an hour and held once a week for three weeks, May 31-June 16 (so that we can keep practicing for the concert). Tuition for June was added into your concert payment schedule.

- MW students attend on Weds 10:30-11:30am
- TTh students attend on Thurs 10:30-11:30am

ACADEMIC PRESCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS:

We have the option for you to sign up for summer school session instead of just the dance/tumble class if you would like your preschooler to keep coming to the three hour block! (These are also open to students not participating in the concert!) This is great to help maintain skills for the upcoming year. Class itinerary is similar to our regular preschool program, focusing on all areas of learning while having a great time building friendships and confidence. Students will get to do exciting hands on science experiments, math practice, ABC's, arts/crafts, cooking, dance, tumbling, sports, and more! Each day is based off a popular children's book! [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL SUMMER GUIDE AND REGISTER!](#)

We would love to see you this summer! Please let us know if you have any questions, we are here to help you every step of the way!



As the season progresses additional concert information or updates will be posted on the website, in monthly newsletters, and on the school bulletin board. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of this important information. Our goal is to make the concert an organized, exciting experience for everyone involved. The success of the show is a team effort of students, their parents, the teachers, and the director.

IMPORTANT CONCERT DATES:

- June 3: Concert Pictures & Dress Rehearsal
- June 7: Tumbling Exhibition
- June 17: Concert

START PRACTICING AT HOME

Music and practice videos can be found [HERE](#). Teachers would LOVE to have their students practicing at home using videos and music as much as possible. If your child's dance is missing the video, please check back later, we are loading them as soon as we have them!

Finale:

This year's Finale for the Concert will be performed by all STAR and COMPANY students. You will be learning this routine in your Choreography classes this month. We are going to be wearing our Concert shirts over our costume. Preschoolers will also make a final bow!

WHAT SHOW AM I PERFORMING IN?

Showtimes were emailed out a couple of weeks ago. They have also been posted to your family account. Please visit our [WEBSITE PORTAL](#) and log in to your [PARENT PORTAL](#). Click the navigator on the top left and select "view my performances"

We have 2 days of shows. Some of you may be performing in more than one show. Please check your account and make sure you find ALL of your routines.

- Wednesday, June 7 Tumbling Exhibition
- Friday, June 16 Company Showcase
- Saturday, June 17 Concert 10am Show, 11:45am Show, 1:30pm Show

TICKETS TO THE SHOW GO ON SALE MAY 1 AT 8AM

Tickets go on sale on **May 1st at 8 am, [online ONLY](#)**.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 Silver, \$14 Gold, \$16 Premium.

Tickets purchased the day of the show will be \$16 at the door for any available seats.

Seating is reserved; doors will remain closed until 30min before showtime. No one ages 3 and older is admitted to the show without a ticket. Infants and children who may have a hard time remaining seated during the entire performance should not attend.

If your family is performing in multiple shows on performance day we will contact you in advance with special accommodations for your tickets.

DRESS REHEARSAL AND CLASS PICTURES – TIME TO REGISTER FOR PICTURES

(ONLY FOR THOSE PERFORMING IN JUNE 17 CONCERT, included in your performance package)

We are holding a dress rehearsal and class pictures on June 3rd. This event will take place at Mid-Valley Performing Art Center. We are still awaiting picture times from our photographer. As soon as we have them we will send an update email and details will be posted to your family account. At that time you will visit our [WEBSITE PORTAL](#) and log in to your [PARENT PORTAL](#). Click the navigator on the top left and select "View my performances"

Several of you are in more than one routine. Please pay close attention to the times. A packing list and online order link will follow prior to pictures.

Can dads and dancers have their pictures taken? YES, when registering your dancer, you will add on the dad dance picture option. They will get their picture taken when they are there for group pictures. Remember to bring your concert shirt and black bottoms for your dancer. Dads will wear their concert shirt and Levi pants with tennis shoes.

CONCERT GIFTS FOR YOUR STUDENT

We are excited to offer some concert gifts for your dancers. Use [this form](#) to order FLOWERS, BACKPACKS, CANDY BOUQUETS, ROSES, and LOVE NOTES. Payment is due at the time your order is placed. Orders are due by June 3rd and will be available for pick up at the recital.

DAD'S DANCE REHEARSALS START IN MAY

See your assigned rehearsal times, performance times, and access the practice videos here: <https://sites.google.com/studio56dance.com/concertinformation/menu/dad-dance>

CONCERT COSTUME PICK UP DETAILS

Costume details for each class are posted in the FINAL CONCERT INFORMATION: <https://studio56dance.com/portal/>, click the concert info button.

Costumes pick-up will take place May 20 & 23 @ West Murray. Students with account balances will NOT receive costumes until they have been paid.

- Saturday, May 20, 10:00-2:00pm
- Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm



COMPANY AUDITIONS- JUNE 19-21

If you're looking for exceptional training and an outlet for dance, mark your calendars with the 2023 Studio 56 Dance Center Company summer dates! Our company program is for dancers who want to be challenged to reach their full potential. View or Company Info Kit [here](#)! Or email the [office](#) with any questions!

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED TUMBLING/ACRO STUDENTS

May Stretch of the Month- Back/bridge | Strength Challenge- Burpees

We are so excited this year to have a "stretch of the month" and a "strength challenge" in our acro/tumbling classes! Encourage your child to work on these skills at home to help them improve even faster! Be more involved by printing off the at-home practice tracker [HERE](#).

FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL DANCERS- MAY THEME

In MAY our theme is "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head." As April showers bring May flowers we will leap over rain puddles, while we dance in the rain! This month we are focusing on: skips, leaps, 3-step turns, developing memory, paying attention, arabesque, 3rd position, self-confidence and contractions. We hope you can find time to review these elements with your dancer at home. It is a great way to get EVERYONE moving!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tuition Due Concert Tickets go on Sale 8am	2 Penny F. Spotlight	3	4	5	6 Dad Dance Practice
7	8 Daphne & Delilah Spotlight	9 Quinn S. Spotlight	10 Moms & Muffins	11 Moms & Muffins	12	13 Dad Dance Practice
14 Happy Mother's Day!	15 Warren B. Spotlight	16 Ruby P. Spotlight	17 Nature Field Trip @ Walden Park Spring Service Project donations are due!	18 Nature Field Trip @ Walden Park	19 Logan H. Spotlight	20 Dad Dance Practice Concert Costume Pick Up! 10:00-2:00 @ West Murray
21	22 Last day of school A & C Classes! Eden S. Spotlight	23 Last day of school B Classes! Marcus D Spotlight Concert Costume Pick Up! 6:30-8:30 @ West Murray	24 Uppercase Graduation Day!	25 Lowercase Carnival Day!	26	27
28	29 Studio Closed – Memorial Day	30	31 PTC Conference A & C Classes	1 PTC Conference B Classes	2	3 Concert Pictures