



**"The perfect place to imagine, explore and learn in an Arts Based Playschool program designed for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years!"**

## **Parent Information Handbook 2025-26**

DanceCo's  
Happy Heart Playschool  
9030 McKenney Ave  
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### **Philosophy**

Our aim is to inspire a desire to learn and to continue to facilitate the development of each child's unique abilities in a loving and creative environment. We believe that preschool children should have ample time to imagine, play and explore the world around them. Learning through movement, song, drama and creating are not only beneficial to the early development and growth of children, but it is fun!

The children are a part of a program, which fosters their physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development.

### **Classes Offered**

4 years of age (MWF Mornings)

9:30-11:30 a.m. Joanne Boelee

3 years of age (T/Th Mornings)

9:30-11:30 a.m. Jackie Froment

3 or 4 years of age (T/Th Afternoons)

12:30-2:30 p.m. Jackie Froment

## Session 2

January 5, 2026 - June 12, 2026\*

Session 2 - child must be 3 or 4 years \*of age by January 5, 2026

September 8/10 or 9/11

October 13

December 11 or 12

December 15

February 5 and 6

March 19 or 20

April 3

June 20

## Staggered Entry

Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Last Day of classes - Session 1

## Christmas Break

Teacher's Convention (No School)

Last Day of classes before Spring break

Good Friday (No School)

Recital at the Arden Theatre

### 3-Day Program

\$125/Month (September 1<sup>st</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>)

\*These prices may vary

at/include the \$100 government grant

the first day of class.

## **Payment Plan Options**

**Monthly Installment** - (Sep 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, Dec. 1, Jan 1, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 1, May 1, Jun 1)

**Per Session** - (September 1 or January 1)

**All Session's in Full** - (1<sup>st</sup> of the month pertaining to 1<sup>st</sup> session enrolled in - Sept or Jan)

**\$50 Recital Costume Deposit will be process in late winter. There will be an additional estimated \$30 to \$45 due upon arrival in the spring.**

### **Please note:**

All families will be automatically signed up for the monthly payment option upon registration. If you would prefer a different payment plan (by session or in full year payment) an email will need to be sent to [info@danceco.net](mailto:info@danceco.net) to indicate your desired payment plan.

The Costume Deposit is non-refundable as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Should you withdraw from the program for any reason after this date, you will be responsible for any additional costume fees paid out, by the studio, on your behalf.

## **What to Wear**

There is no need to purchase special dance attire as the children can wear 'danceable' clothes (Girls: t-shirts, leggings, dance pants etc. Boys: sweatpants and t-shirts). Footwear can be clean indoor running shoes or pink (girls) and black (boys) ballet slippers or bare feet.

**Special Note** - All students in Session 2 will participate in the year-end DANCE RECITAL. Costumes will be purchased in retail stores or through one of DanceCo's costume suppliers.

## **Communication**

Communication between parents and Happy Heart staff is very important. A Monthly Calendar, including special helper days and important events will be posted at school as well as emailed to parents. Your teachers email address will be shared with you so that you may report any absences.

**Please inform us via email** to [info@danceco.net](mailto:info@danceco.net) of any allergies and medical conditions

## **Toilet Trained**

It is required that all children enrolled in Happy Heart Playschool be toilet trained. Teachers will help when needed but students cannot come to school in diapers.

## **Daily Routine**

Our classroom routine begins with free play, welcome songs and introductions. We also incorporate a discussion about the calendar and weather with emphasis on listening, sharing, speaking and taking turns as the teachers and special helper leads us through these activities. Both story time and art time relate to our theme and phonetic and

printing work on the letter of the week. Snack and arts-based movement will culminate our day.

### **Housekeeping Items**

- Each child will have a coat hook for his/her backpack and coat.
- Please leave a nutritional snack and a water bottle in your child's backpack each day. **All snacks must be peanut/nut free.**
- Please leave outdoor footwear on the shelves in the front foyer of the studio.
- Please bring your child clean indoor shoes OR ballet slippers to put on at the studio.
- Please leave an extra change of underwear, socks and pants in your child's backpack in a labelled Ziploc bag.
- Please take your child to the washroom prior to class starting.

### **Picture Days**

Individual and class photos will be taken in the Fall. We will also be taking dance photos in our year end costume in May.

### **Safety**

Parents/guardians must be in control of their children during arrival and departure. During departure, children are not to leave the preschool until their parent or guardian leaves as well. Children are not permitted to go outside unattended.

### **Special Helper Days**

On this day they may wear their favorite outfit, bring a favorite toy or book to share with the class. Children will be encouraged to share their creations and ideas during center time as well; this will be one of many opportunities to share with classmates. This is a SPECIAL DAY for the children, and they are always very excited to be the special helper! If it is your child's birthday, your child will be the special helper.

### **Birthday Treats**

You are welcome to bring a treat to share with the entire class on your child's birthday. Please consult with your teacher on any allergies that may exist in your child's class. Please note that this is entirely optional, should you choose to do this on your child's birthday.