



Hello GDA Families!

We're so happy to be back in the studio and we're LOVING our amazing students! If you have not physically received a welcome packet with 2023-24 information (we had 2 or 3 parents we missed), please make sure you pick that up this week! That has everything you'll need to know for this year! We also need to make sure everyone has a waiver of liability form signed. I'll personally connect with those that are missing one!

Studio Closure: The studio will be closed **Monday September 4th** for Labor Day! Take that day to BBQ with family or go camping for the extended weekend one last time before it gets cold! 🧊

Core Value: We have been talking about Kindness inside and outside of the studio during class time and your kids are THE SWEETEST! In September classes, we will be doing a "Kindness" project to share some positivity through the Magic Valley. More details to come... We've also been encouraging students to share ways they have been kind throughout the week in class and to go above and beyond by choosing their actions and words carefully. We've used the acronym T.H.I.N.K. before you speak and quoted Thumper "If you can't say anything nice, don't say nothing at all." ❤️

Technique Focus: This month's technique focus is pirouettes and backbends! We've talked a lot about engaging our core, maintaining posture, and keeping hip alignment in both. There's a lot to focus on, so don't get discouraged! Practice makes progress!

Social Media: Please join us on FB/Instagram!! Keep up to date on events and studio info ([grace_dance_academy](https://www.facebook.com/grace_dance_academy)). We would love to see your kindness in action so we can share them on our pages!

Invoicing: September Invoices are due September 1st-10th. On the 15th, we will add a \$25 late fee. Reminder: We no longer take checks. You can pay thru QB online invoice sent to your emails, or you can pay cash or card when you come into the studio.

JUMP Convention April 11-13, 24: This season we will be going to JUMP in Provo, Utah with our competition team and we're inviting all other students! JUMP is proud to be the largest dance convention in the world, touring to 27 US cities and 3 international cities. Each event includes a top-rate workshop in numerous styles of dance: Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Jazz Funk, Musical Theatre, Lyrical and Ballroom. Some of the teachers at these workshops you will recognize from shows like: So you think you can dance, Sesame Street & Dancing with the Stars. JUMP's mission is to have dancers of all ages (5-19) and levels return to their dance studio feeling more motivated and inspired! If you would like more information on this, send me an email and let me know!

Parents Observation Nights 25-29th: We invite all parents to come to classes this week to see what we've been working on! This is the week we will also award certificates IF new levels have been reached! We'll provide cookies & punch!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out! - Miss Nikki