

# Kinner & Co. Dance Studio

## **Classroom Observation**

Parents are no doubt a huge part of a child's life, no matter what they do or where they do it. When it comes to dancing in a dance class, a child needs full concentration. They need to be more engaged in their dance activities than who is waiting for them.

During a dance class, most teachers don't allow parent to sit inside classroom. They are either asked to stay home or wait in a special area assigned to them. But why is that? The following are just a few reasons why.

### **Children are So Easily Distracted**

Even if they are simply sitting in the classroom quietly, parents can be a huge distraction to their child during dance class. This is especially true for young children. But even older children can be more concerned about their mom or dad watching class than their dancing and their teachers. No matter how much fun the class is, the child's mind will be on her parents.

### **Children Like to Impress their Parents**

Sometimes it isn't just a student's mind that is distracted when parents sit in the classroom during a class. Sometimes it's their dancing and behavior too. Instead of paying attention, a student may whisper over to mommy, "Look what I can do!" as they twirl around and create a distraction to other students too.

### **Parents Talk to Each Other**

As much as parents love to watch their children, sitting still and quietly during an entire dance class can be a bit much to ask. Parents tend to be proud, and when they are proud they like to tell other parents how proud they are. It can be extremely difficult for parents sitting in the classroom to not remark to other parents about their child's achievements. This can get noisy and be an even bigger distraction than parents sitting quietly.

### **Parents Talk to Their Children**

Yes, it happens. When a teacher is giving a student a correction or trying to get a student's attention, a whisper comes from where the parents are "quietly" sitting in the classroom. "Suzy, do this or that," or "Jacob, listen to your teacher!" Not only does this create a distraction (usually for the whole class), it also undermines the teacher's authority.

Kinner & Co. Dance Studio has scheduled observation days each semester where an observer may sit-in and watch class. Please note, that due to class sizes, we ask that only one observer attend. Also, younger siblings are not able to observe classes, as this too can distract our dancers.