

Dance at Gideon!

Dear Parents and Families,

My name is Dara Meredith and I am the dance teacher at Gideon Elementary. I am an Atlanta native and I am married with 3 kids. I have been teaching, choreographing, and dancing in Philadelphia and around the world for 20 years. I am currently a Professor at Temple University and a full time faculty member at Edward Gideon Elementary School. I have the wonderful pleasure of meeting, teaching, and getting to learn more about your child virtually! Gideon is only 1 in 13 schools that have dance integrated into their curriculum, so they have a special opportunity to find various ways to express themselves. Education is the key to our success, but the arts are the key to our lives.

During these uncertain and highly stressful times, dance will be a great break from the norm and a way for the students to express themselves. We will have class on Zoom everyday for 45 minutes. The students will be actively participating through movement and research online. They will also need to wear their **GYM UNIFORM and SNEAKERS ONLINE** everyday for class! YOU, the family of these students are an integral part of their lives and I urge you to encourage their participation and success throughout the weeks to come. Their participation is 75% of their grade and the other 25% is made up of test, projects, effort, and end performance. At the end of this cycle the students will have a sharing experience where you will be able to see what they have been working on throughout the quarter. At the end of each week I will call if any concerns arise with their behavior or as well as sharing their successes. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me!

*“If you can
walk, You can
Dance”*

RECAP:

Gym Uniform-

***Basketball Shorts, Leggings with Shorts over them, loose shorts that reach the knee, Jogging pants, Sneakers, Socks**

***Bring a WATER Bottle and a small towel**

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