

# Sparkle News!

## Week 4



Hey grownups!

Welcome to week 4 of our Sparkle Toes Dance Program 😊

We are all settling into class. We are getting used to teacher and each other. We are doing really well at going into our classroom and taking class on our own.

**Here is what we are working on in class:**

### Steps:

- Temps leve (pronounced tan lev-ay) in 1<sup>st</sup> position
- Plie
- Gallops
- Grande Battement

### Positions:

- 1st (heels together / toes apart and arms “bras bas” or down and curved)
- 2nd (feet apart side to side / arms out to our sides)

### Extras:

- Identifying our body parts (knees, toes, shoulders, elbows)
- Laterality (right vs left)
- Counting to 3 in French: Un, Deux, Trois
- Musicality

## 2. A chance to get your Nutcracker on!!!

Super excited to include our youngest dancers in this year’s Nutcracker. We will be doing our Nutcracker dances inside of the story of “’Twas The Night Before Christmas”, so we have all of the good stuff of a regular nutcracker, plus Santa and the reindeer!

**Wee Sparkle Toes Dancers** will be the “children” (who were nestled all snug in their beds). You will need to provide your dancer with a pair of jammies (pants and button up shirt style) and a small stuffy to dance with.

**Pre Ballet Sparklers** will be the “mice”. The mice will need a costume (which we order for you): \$60.00.

**No rehearsal fees** for either group as they will be learning their dance in class.

Wees and Pres will need to attend the dress rehearsal (to get comfortable with the stage and each other) and the show.

So for a very nominal cost, your little dancer can star in our Christmas production!!!

**PLEASE NOTE: participation is completely optional.** Please let us know by **October 11**, so we know how many mouse costumes to order. Send an email to [toetotoeballetschool@tds.net](mailto:toetotoeballetschool@tds.net) or leave a message at the desk



Show details:

Date: Saturday, December 18

Time: Dancers arrive (call) at noon

Performance time: 1pm

Location: Elkhorn Area High School's James Wehner Auditorium

### Special Dates To Know:

**October 25:** Costume Day -dancers can arrive in disguise, dressed in any motion friendly costume

**November 22:** Thanksgiving Break – studio is closed this week.

**Bring a friend day:** any day you schedule with our front desk. This allows us to keep our class numbers down and still have our friends participate. The class is free to your friend, just cuz you love them!

**One last note:** Our Monday class is FULL! So we have opened a new Wee Sparkle Toes class on Thursday to accommodate our growing enrollment. Class happens from 4:30 – 5pm, with Add On Tap following at 5 – 5:15 for any 4 year old who has an interest. Let others know!