

SONJA'S STUDIO OF PERFORMING ARTS

A+ Academy

ACADEMICS PLUS THE ARTS

BACK  
to  
School

INFORMATIONAL

PACKET



**2020/21**

**Fall Semester:  
Aug 17th-Dec 11th**

**Spring Semester:  
Jan 4th-Apr 29th**

**Mon-Thur  
9:30am-12:30pm**

**Doors open at 9:15am, class begins promptly at 9:30am, please be on time. Each student will have their own cubby for belongings.**

### **What to bring to school your first day:**

- ✓ Spare clothes (will be left at school) in a gallon size ziploc bag with your child's name on it.
- ✓ Dance shoes: Black jazz and Black tap shoes. These will be left at school. Remember to size up so they last all year!

### **Daily Activities**

MONDAY: MUSIC  
TUESDAY: DANCE  
WEDNESDAY: ART  
THURSDAY: TUMBLING

### **What to bring to school each day:**

- ✓ A water bottle with your child's name on it.
- ✓ A small snack. Please no large "lunches", and no food containing nuts.
- ✓ Clothes your child can easily move in. No jeans, zippers or buttons on dance and tumbling days.

*for more info*

[www.sonjasstudioak.com](http://www.sonjasstudioak.com)

357-3933 or 354-2085

Dear Parents,

Welcome to A+ Academy, academics plus the arts!

There is an exciting year awaiting, designed to promote and enhance your child's growth and development. This very important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is warm, safe and challenging.

The structure of daily activities four days a week is Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and carefully planned to encourage independence, self confidence and cooperation through large group, small group and one-on-one participation in a variety of hands-on, interactive experiences. The activities will incorporate skill in dance, art, music, and tumbling. The curriculums main focus is on reading and mathematics with additional writing, science, social studies, fine/ gross motor skills, social/emotional skills and language development.

We are looking forward to our working together to make a most successful school year. Please feel free to contact the Sonja's Studio of Performing Arts office at 357-3933, Ms. Lisa Townsends cell at 354-2085 or email us at sonjasstudioak@gmail.com should you have any questions regarding your child's A+ Academy experience.

Very Sincerely,  
A+ Academy Team

Lisa Townsend	Alaska Certified Teacher
Lena Edwards	Alaska Safety Certified Tumbling Teacher
Amber Anderson	Matsu School District Music Teacher
Erin Dietz	Dance Teacher
Sarah Phillips	Art Teacher
Leticia Jensen	Office Staff
Joy Ann Russell	Office Staff

The Annual Tuition is \$2400.00 per student. Matsu Borough School District can be direct billed if you have enrolled your student into Matsu Central or Twindly Bridge homeschools. A+ Academy can direct bill \$2000.00 to the homeschools in the Matsu Borough School District in monthly installments of \$250.00 requiring the remaining monthly \$50.00 balance to be paid by the parent or guardian. Parents or guardians can also just pay the tuition in monthly installments without billing a homeschool.

In addition A+ Academy is requesting \$30.00 curriculum fee each semester to purchase the supplies needed for daily use by the students in class. This allows us to have uniformity of supplies within the classroom. A \$15.00 annual registration fee and \$55.00 costume fee for girls or \$35.00 costume fee for boys is also required. Due to some changes from Covid, we may or may not require the costume fee this year, it will all depend on how the pandemic plays out and if theater restrictions lift. It's best to be prepared for the fee just in case it's business as usual.

A+ Academy would welcome any donations of one ream of 8 ½ by 11 copy paper and a box of Kleenex by your student.

To secure your child's place in the A+ Academy 2020-2021 school year both semester curriculum fees and the annual registration fee totaling \$75.00 must be paid. Once paid, there are no refunds for the fees.

### Drop off & Pick up

Doors open at 9:15am. Please do not attempt to drop off any earlier. Pick up is at 12:30pm. Please do not come in the room before we open the doors to release the kids, please wait in the hall. Both front and back doors to the building will be open so you may choose which entrance you prefer. The maroon cubbies in the downstairs hallway are for A+ Academy, each child will have one to put all their belongings in, please have your child take off shoes before coming into the classroom.

### Show & Tell

We have show & tell once a week.

Please have your child bring an item and leave it in their cubby.

We will give a heads up once school gets started on what days we plan to do this.

### Tumbling and Dance

Please have your child wear something they can freely move in and be comfortable enough to do all sorts of exercises in. No clothing with buttons or zippers. Bare feet or socks are perfect for tumbling or gym time days. For dance your student will need Tap & Jazz shoes. We have a spot for you to leave them with us so that you don't have to remember them every week.

### Performances & Costumes

As of now, due to Covid, we will no longer be having a Christmas recital. We will keep you posted on whether or not we will need a costume fee from you this year. More information will be supplied as we see how the pandemic plays out in the Spring. Thank you for being flexible.

### Snacks & Water Bottles

Please bring a small snack everyday. It's important to let us know if your child has any allergies. Please have your child bring a water bottle with their name on it to class everyday and make sure it's filled with only water.

### Newsletters

We try to keep everyone informed as much as possible. You will receive monthly newsletters letting you know upcoming information and reminders but please feel free to ask us questions anytime you need to. Newsletters are handed out at the beginning of the month, posted on the bulletin outside our classroom door, and posted online on our website and your parent portal.

### Birthdays

You are more than welcome to bring cupcakes or some special treat to class for snack time on or near your child's birthday. Just give us a reminder heads up when it gets close so we can make sure there are no allergies! Nothing with nuts please. This year due to Covid-19, all birthday treats must be store bought.

### Payments

Please make your monthly payments at the beginning of each month. You can pay upstairs at the front desk. We accept cash, card or check. You can also pay online this year in your "Parent Portal". More information will come regarding this convenience. Late fees will occur if a payment has not been made by the 15th of each month.

### Special Closures

Semester dates are on the front page of this packet. We close for Christmas break December 11th and start back up January 4th. Our only closures are for Thanksgiving week, November 23rd-27th, and Spring break week, March 8th-12th. We are open all other holidays.

### Graduation

We will end our school year with a fun presentation and party.

Thursday, April 29th at 12:00pm.

## **Sonja's Studio of Performing Arts – Fall 2020/Spring 2021 - Covid-19 Rules and Regulations**

### **State Guidelines**

Participants must agree not to participate in a sport or activity if they:

1. Are exhibiting the current CDC recognized symptoms consistent with COVID-19;
2. Have knowingly been in contact with a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
3. Are within 72 hours of exhibiting significant COVID-19 symptoms or a fever;
4. When recovering from a case of COVID-19, are less than 14 days from onset or less than 72 hours since the end of significant symptoms or fever.
5. Have not been in the state for 14 days symptom free as long as Health Mandate 10.1 – International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self- Quarantine is in effect.

Participants must agree to inform someone from the Sonja's Studio if they have tested positive for Covid-19 within seven days of participation in any activity associated with Sonja's Studio so that other Participants can be informed that a fellow Participant became sick and they should monitor for symptoms and practice recommended social distancing measures.

### **Sonja's Studio Protocols:**

Pick up and Drop off:

Please do your best to maintain social distancing protocol between non-household members as students are dropped off and picked up for each class. Be prompt in picking up and dropping off as breaks will be used to clean and sanitize between each classroom. If possible, please wait in your car, or social distance in the lobby while waiting for students. Please limit non-participating family members in the building whenever feasible.

### **Students:**

Students need to come dressed and ready to go with a name-labeled water bottle. For younger students, we highly recommend shoes without laces to minimize having the teacher have to retie shoes during class. Whenever possible, use the bathroom before arriving. The water fountain will be turned off. Please minimize personal belongings, and if you need to bring them please bring them in a dance bag or backpack. Please remind your child not to hug or touch their teacher during this time. As of this time, no snacks or water will be available for purchase.

### **Temperatures:**

If a student has a temperature above 100 degrees, parents will need to take them home. For our school programs, Giggletime Preschool and A+ Academy students will have their temperature taken daily upon arrival before being allowed to enter the classroom.

### **Classroom:**

Each classroom will be set up with designated areas. Students that cannot adhere to the rules of the classroom will be asked not to participate. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer, this must be used upon arrival. Students need to maintain social distancing during class time.

### **Recital:**

There will be no Christmas recital or performances at this time due to restrictions placed on theaters and group events.

### **Closures:**

We appreciate your understanding and business during this trying time. We will work hard to protect your family as well as our staff. Policies and procedures are subject to change based on efficiency and updated state guidelines. We are excited to get back in the studio and have fun but if a student is diagnosed with Covid-19, Sonja's Studio will follow state mandated procedures. Tuition is a semester long commitment and will be accepted only in installments for the Fall/Spring 2020 season. Sonja's Studio of Performing Arts will not be held accountable or responsible for any contracted illness.