

CHILDREN'S PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

THEATER ETIQUETTE

The enjoyment of everyone is dependent on the actions of everyone. **Please read and discuss the following rules for theater-going before attending the performance.**

- Walk quickly and talk quietly as you enter the theater. Be aware of and polite to other persons in the hallway. Make room for them to pass if necessary.
- After your group is seated, use the restroom and/or get a drink before the performance begins to avoid having to leave your seat during the performance.
- Once you are seated, you may talk quietly to the people next to you until the performance begins. However, stay alert to instructions or announcements from teachers, ushers or theater personnel.
- When the lights in the theater begin to dim, it is the signal that the performance is about to begin. You should stop talking and turn your attention to the stage.
- Stay in your seat throughout the entire performance. Opening doors during a performance is distracting to the audience and actors.
- During the performance, listen and watch closely. Talking during the performance will disturb others around you, and you may miss the best part.
- If you think something is funny, it's OK to laugh. If you like something a lot, applaud. This will let the performers know you are enjoying the show.
- At the end of the show, applaud if you had a good time. Applause is how you say thank you to the performer. The actors will bow as you applaud. That is how they say thank you for coming.
- When the lights get brighter in the theater, the show is over. Please wait for announcements to be made from the stage. If time permits, actors will come out to answer questions or visit with the audience members.
- When your group is called to exit the theater, please move quickly and quietly toward the exit indicated by ushers or theater personnel.

Please remember:

Taking photographs or recordings during the performance is strictly prohibited. You are only one person among several hundred in the audience. Please respect your fellow audience members.