

# Welcome to Ms. M's Tap 1!

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In this class we will learn the basics of tap dancing as well as its history and origin. We will explore rhythmic patterns, discover new ways to make sounds with our feet, and create art that conveys our expressions and ideas!

**If you can walk,  
you can tap.**

- Buster Brown

## CLASS MATERIALS & PROCEDURES

Every day, **the board** will address what you need to do when you walk in.

**Always** change out (you have four minutes!!) unless the board says otherwise.

Bring clothes that are school appropriate but safe for movement: dance pants, t-shirts, shorts, sweatpants – most importantly, **SOCKS!**

We have a dressing room for the girls and a bathroom close by for the boys.

Grab your tap shoes and your journal. Journals will be provided. You are expected to have a writing utensil.

## CLASS EXPECTATIONS: DANCE IS A PRIVILEGE

### Show Up & Listen

Be here!  
Be present!

### Bless Up & Dance

Serve as a blessing to others – always. Everything you say should be building others up and responding to YOUR education, YOUR future. Always groove, always move.

### Clean Up

Change out, clean your dressing areas.

## GRADING SCALE

**50%** – Participation (show up, listen up, bless up & dance)

**20%** – Journals/Classwork/Homework

**20%** – Skills Assessments/Group Choreography/Projects

**10%** – Dress Out/Quizzes

## SIGNATURE

Please read over the syllabus, sign and return by **Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_