

We have tried to size up rather than down in the case of a child's measurements being between sizes. Often a little tuck here or there will be adequate to adjust the fit of a costume. If straps or armholes are too big, take them up at the shoulder. Always cut off any extra material, straps, or tags that might hang out. Washing or dry-cleaning the costumes before wearing is not needed, nor is it recommended. After trying on the costume, hang it up (upside down if it has an attached tutu) to stay clean and protected until needed for Pictures, Rehearsal, and Recital Days. Do not wear costumes before these events. After the recital, costumes are the students to keep. Only assigned accessories may be worn. No jewelry (other than stud earrings) or under garments are to be worn with costumes, including during dress rehearsals, performance, and picture day. A nude leotard is suggested to wear under costumes. No bright nail polish.

#### TIPS: COSTUME COMMON SENSE

- ✓ Always have a second pair of tights available.
- ✓ Place costumes in a garment bag for travel.
- ✓ Hang costumes to avoid wrinkles.
- ✓ Write your name in all costumes and shoes.