

THE MUSICAL ADVENTURES OF FLAT STANLEY

PARENT TIPSHEET



Dallas Children's Theater welcomes all kids and families to our performances, but we know that some families hesitate to bring their children to live theater without knowing how they might react. Our sensory friendly performances are designed to be a safe and accepting environment for children with sensory sensitivities.

HERE ARE SOME POINTS ABOUT THIS PERFORMANCE:

- There is a Social Story on our website that may help you prepare your child for what to expect when you come to DCT to see THE MUSICAL ADVENTURES OF FLAT STANLEY.
- We will have some activities in the lobby an hour before the show. Families are encouraged to come early and participate.
- At the box office, we will have a sign-up list for "Birthdays". If your child has a birthday in June or July, you can put their name on the list. Before the second act begins, some of the actors will read the names on the list, inviting those children to come stand in front of the stage. Then the actors and everyone in the audience will sing happy birthday to them.
- The seating for the show will be general seating.
- There will be helpers stationed in the theater and lobby. They will be wearing white shirts and a badge that says "Helper."
- During the performance, if your child needs to take a break from the show, you can come to the lobby where you can view a live video feed of the show on a monitor or you can go to a Quiet Room.
- The House lights will be partially on during the show so the theater will not be totally dark. Stage lights and sound levels will be adjusted. Ear plugs will be available, too. Children are free to speak and move while in their seats in reaction to the story being told onstage.
- There will be an intermission and families are welcome to purchase snacks from our concessions counter, or you can bring your own snacks. All food and beverages must be consumed in the lobby, however, and are not allowed in the theater. Only bottled water is allowed in the theater.
- Our DCT store will be open before and after the show so you can purchase items if you like.
- When the show ends, actors will be in the lobby. Children can get autographs from the actors if they want to.
- To help us improve our Sensory Friendly performances, we'd like to encourage all parents to complete the brief survey which you will find with your program and to give us any feedback about your experience at DCT.

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