



Let us start by welcoming you and your family to Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy! We would like to take a minute of your time, as you begin your adventure with us, to have you read over the goals that we have set for your child. Please know we put a lot of passion into developing programs that will not only challenge your child's physical abilities, but will also enhance their self-esteem and give them a wonderful activity to look forward to. Each class has specific core skills that are the emphasis of that particular class. They must successfully master all skills listed to advance to the next level. Every child advances and learns at their own pace. It is very common for children to stay in the same class for a few months, all the way up to a year, or even beyond.

We pride ourselves on teaching gymnastics technically correct in a safe environment; therefore children will not progress to a new skill until they are ready. Please feel free to talk to your child's coach if you have any questions. We strongly encourage communication between coaches and parents. Sometimes, between classes, it might be busy and there may not be an opportunity to approach your child's coach. Therefore, we have set-up email addresses for each coach so you can email them at your convenience. You may access their emails from the "Meet the Staff" page on our website www.StarsandStripesKids.com. Once again, we would like to welcome you and thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child. This is something that each member of our staff does not take lightly.

Advanced Tumble- Goals

(Coaches make the final decision on moving up based on skill accomplishment, attitude, good work ethic, and confidence.)

Handstands/ Flexibility:

- Handstand walks forward (length of the floor)
- Handstand walk sideways (left and right hand leading)
- Handstand walks backward
- Splits (left, center, and right)
- 10 second handstand hold

Front Tumbling:

- Flyspring
- Punch drills
- Punch front
- Front handspring step out connections
- Ariel

Back Tumbling:

- Series of standing back handsprings
- Round-off series back handsprings
- Back tuck
- Round-off back tuck
- Round-off back handspring, back tuck
- Round-off back handspring layout (straight, half, and full)

The skills listed above are the main focus of the class, however specific drill and progressions will continuously be perfected and used to obtain these goals, but are not listed. Improvements in strength and flexibility are also essential to progress.