

Drama Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of theatre arts. This class is designed to accommodate students who have no experience or may have previously been involved in theatre. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build confidence and trust, stimulate imagination, movement, and role-play. Through theatre games and activities, students will learn to become comfortable on the stage and will gain trust in themselves as well as others in their groups. Students will learn and use drama and theatre vocabulary in class discussions and the activities will specifically address the promotion and reinforcement of students' literacy skills, including reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students will exhibit and reinforce their skills through individual and group presentations, performances, movement and voice, character building, and script and journal writing.

UNITS OF STUDY:

- General Theatre, Movement, Voice
- Acting/Theatre Games
- Script Analysis, Playwriting, Monologues
- *One or more* of the following: Pantomime; Improvisation; Greek, Elizabethan, Japanese Theatre; Tech; Scenic Design; Front of House; Shakespeare

REQUIRED MATERIALS (BROUGHT TO CLASS DAILY):

- Drama Notebook (provided by teacher)
- Pens and/or Pencils
- A Positive, Can-Do Attitude!

COURSE WORK:

- Homework/Classwork – There will not be daily homework. Most assignments will be assigned and completed in class, however, a student may need to practice/memorize/study for a performance or unit assessment on their own time. Rubrics will be provided for bigger assignments. If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to check with a peer to see what notes they may have missed. Most classwork is completed in small groups, so most classwork cannot be made up. Students will be expected to complete the daily board work as a part of their weekly grade. The purpose of every assignment is to help the student learn the art of theatre. Not every assignment will be collected or graded as some assignments are meant solely for the purpose of practice. However, it is in every student's best interest to complete every assignment on time to insure in class activities are meaningful. If a student is having difficulties, it is imperative they let me know sooner than later.
- Performances – All students will be required to perform in front of their peers and possibly a general audience. Students will be graded on performances based on how they prepare, how they perform, and how they behave as an audience member.

