



Drama 1
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Welcome to Drama 1! Drama 1 gives students the opportunity to become familiar with the basic elements of drama and introduces them to the world of performance and tech areas in the discipline. The goal of this course is to inspire students to find a passion for the art form.

Classroom Policies and Procedures

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful towards yourself and others.
2. Come to class prepared and ready for work.
3. Keep all electronic devices on silent and out of sight.
4. Dress appropriately for classroom activities.
5. No food or drink (water is okay).
6. Treat others with respect and kindness.
7. Be on time and prepared for class.

Course Content: In this class we will be exploring the beginning elements of drama. Outlined below are the units we will be covering throughout the class.

- Unit 1: Intro to Play
- Unit 2: Overcoming Stage Fright
- Unit 3: Pantomime/Movement
- Unit 4: Puppets/Voice
- Unit 5: Partner Scene Work
- Unit 6: Technical Theatre

Requirements: Students in this class are required to rehearse and perform a prepared piece of work at the end of each unit. Performance days are provided to the students in class. If a student is absent for the performance day for any reason it is up to the student to set up a different time with Mrs. Trejo to perform their work. Missing a performance will result in missing points.

Citizenship: Citizenship is an essential part of this class. In order to create a safe environment where each student feels comfortable to perform, each student will be expected to be respectful and kind to each of their classmates. Below is information necessary to understand the Citizenship grade.

- Students will receive a citizenship grade in this class.
S=Satisfactory N=Needs Improvement U=Unsatisfactory
- By following classroom procedures and treating everyone and everything with respect all students will maintain a satisfactory citizenship grade during the year.
- All students have the chance to improve their citizenship by showing consistent correction of their behavior.
- If a student drops in their citizenship grade the parents and student will be notified by the teacher.

Safety: The most important element in a drama classroom is safety. Any student who creates an unsafe environment in any of the three categories will be removed from the class activities for the day.

- **Physical Safety-** flailing arms, running around, flipping off and climbing on walls, climbing on people, trying lifts, etc. are not permitted in class. You WILL be aware of your surroundings and take care to protect the physical safety of this class.
- **Emotional Safety-** Drama involves opening yourself up to others. We're performing, we're trying new things, and we're getting stuff wrong all the time. Any negative comments towards others will not be permitted. Great Drama comes from creativity and creativity only comes when we feel comfortable enough to get things wrong.
- **Academic Safety-** Students will be actively engaged in all lessons, workshops, and practice sessions. There are other people who are counting on you to learn your part. Unpreparedness on one's part can negatively affect the rest of the group's performance.

Supplemental Materials: Throughout the class we may view examples of professional productions to see how actors and technicians work during a professional performance. The supplemental videos are listed below. If there are any questions regarding the videos please contact Ms. Trejo.

- Disney's Newsies: The Broadway Musical!
- Shrek the Musical
- The SpongeBob Musical: Live on Stage!
- Variety of musical performances from the Tony Awards, Morning Shows, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

I am looking forward to having you in my class!