

Reid Ross Classical School

Theatre Arts Syllabus (Middle School)

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Textbook: The Stage and the School

Theatre Arts is a class offered to give students an understanding and appreciation of Theatre as an art form in relation to themselves and their community. Theatre is Life. The theme for this year is that "The World is your Stage"

William Shakespeare

CLASS SUMMARY

6TH GRADE Theatre Arts-Students will use movement, voice, writing and performance to communicate ideas and feelings to express emotion. Understand and read scripts. Use improvisation to role play. Understand the basic use of technical theatre components.

7TH GRADE Theatre Arts-Students will use movement, voice, writing and performance to communicate ideas and feelings to express character. Use playwriting to communicate. Use various keys to characterization. Understand the basic use of technical theatre components.

8TH GRADE Theatre Arts- Students will use movement, voice, writing and performance to communicate ideas and feelings to express stories to an audience. Create original work. Use acting skills to perform original work. Understand the basic use of technical theatre components.

All Students will engage in these activities regularly. Use and understand basic vocabulary of the Theatre as well as understanding the basic elements of technical theatre.

GRADING

The meaning of grades whether letters or numbers, will be derived from clear descriptions of performance standards. 50% of a student's grade will be participation and basic theatre etiquette 30% of a student's grade will be based upon major forms of assessments (unit tests, projects, performances, etc.) and 20% of a student's grade will be based upon minor quizzes and homework.

Attendance/Participation/Behavior (Etiquette) 50%

Performances/Projects/Test 30%

Quizzes/Videos (Homework)/20%

All written assignments must be the student's original work. Plagiarism is against the law. A student who contributes to plagiarism by allowing another student to copy their work is considered to be as guilty as the one who submits the work, whether or not they intended the work to be copied.

Homework and Quizzes work together to check for retention and will make up 20% of the student's grade.

Participation in class is essential and involves the student's attitude, cooperation, being prepared, respect for the class work and general theatre etiquette. Each week students will be given a participation grade starting with 100. Points may be deducted if a student is unprepared or uncooperative etc. Performance is 50% of the student's grade.

Performance in class is understood to mean formal and informal presentations as well as rehearsal and practice activities. Performance/Test are 30% of the student's grade. **Tests** represent performance as well. Students who do not do well on a written test may retest after completing an assignment related to the material on the test. **Our Final Performance is Mandatory** meaning it will involve some afterschool rehearsals which are needed to perfect our show. **If this is something that will not work for you and your family an alternative assignment will be required.**

RULES/PROCEDURES

Come to class with a can do attitude. Raise your hand before speaking. Be on time and in your seat when the late bell rings. Do not leave your seat without permission. Be respectful and polite at all times. No gum candy food or drinks in class at any time. If you carry food or drinks with you during the day, keep these items out of sight in your book bag while in class. Cosmetics such as hand lotion, lipsticks etc. are not to be used in class at any time. Any such items will be confiscated and disposed of.

Students are expected to come to class prepared with a 3 PRONG folder with paper and pen/pencil every day. Students will be responsible for a full and completed notebook including notes and handouts.

It is the student's responsibility to hand in homework assignments/projects on time. Do not wait for the teacher to collect your assignment. A designated "Assignments Box" will be available for this purpose.

KEEP THIS IN YOUR FOLDER!!!!!!

BY SIGNING THIS SYLLABUS, I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY

STUDENT

(print) _____ sign _____

PARENT

(print) _____ sign _____