

7-8 Grade Drama
Mrs. Carson

Welcome to Drama! In this class, we will focus on several different aspects of theatre. You will have to do some kind of performance, so be prepared! We will watch and read several different plays and performances.

Materials: Other than your necessary pencil and paper, please have a 3-ringed binder and two different color highlighters. The binder will be used to keep up with all of your work and will also be required when we do our Reader's Theatre unit.

Mrs. Carson's Class Rules:

1. Be respectful. We will be doing a lot of performances in front of our peers. We need to be respectful of others and treat others the way you would want to be treated when you perform.
2. NO CELL PHONES. I will not tolerate cell phones in my classroom. Please be prepared to have them put away during class time
3. No gum. This rule may seem crazy, but gum gets very distracting when you are performing and smacking at the same time. So please throw your gum in the trash can.

Bonus Point Opportunities:

1. Audition for the shows
2. Be involved in the shows
3. Seeing some kind of play or musical. I will need to have a program from the show and a verbal summary of the play.
4. Bringing either Tissues or Germ-X for the classroom before the last 2 weeks of school. Bonus points will depend on the amount brought.

We will be reading several plays in class. You will get a copy of the play, but if you lose it, YOU are responsible for getting another copy (making a copy of a classmate's script or finding it online). Each script costs me a lot of paper and time, so I will not make you another copy.

You will get 2 bathroom passes for every 9 weeks. These are to be used for emergencies only. There is no need to ask, just walk up and hand the pass to me when you need to go. If you lose your pass, I suggest you go to the bathroom between classes because you will NOT get any more passes. If you still have the passes at the end of the 9 weeks, you can keep them and use them later or turn them in for bonus points.

Drama Club fees this year have been raised in order to provide for our fundraisers and shows. If you are a returning student and already paid the Drama Club fee last year of \$10, then you will only owe \$10 this year. But if you are a student who did not pay the fees last year, the price is \$20. Please pay these fees with cash and I will write the student

a receipt. But keep in mind, **paying Drama Club fees in NOT a requirement for the class.**

On Friday of each week, I will award a “Student of the Week.” Students who go above and beyond for the week will receive this award which includes a certificate, some sort of candy, and a high-five from the coolest teacher ever. In order to be in the running for the end of the year Drama Award, you must have won the “Student of the Week” Award at least once.

If you lost an assignment or missed a day, check your Google Classroom page or **carsontheatre.weebly.com**. There is also an area in classroom where there are hard copies of the assignment. If you lost the assignment, you can turn it in the next day for half credit. If you were missing, you have the amount of days you were missing to turn in the assignment (ex. You missed two days, you have two days from the day you get back to turn in your assignments).

I work at both Annie Camp and Douglas MacArthur, so I will not be at your school for certain parts of the day. So if you are going to need help, please plan ahead.

I look forward to having you in my class this year. If you come to class prepared, follow the rules, and do your assignments, this class will be a breeze!

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