Course Title: **Drama (**6th, 7th, and 8th grades)

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**Course Description**:

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn how to write scripts and stories and develop acting skills in both improvised and scripted scenes. Students will also analyze various methods of presentation, and research cultural and historical information concerning theatre arts.

**Materials:**

Students will need **paper and pencil/pen in class every day** for vocabulary and taking notes about acting skills, stage production, and theatre arts. I suggest each student bring a pack of paper at the beginning to leave in the classroom.

**Classroom Activities**:

On Monday the students will receive an overview of the weekly activities.

Twice a month on Thursday students will have the opportunity to do a reading of their choice.

During the week students will read and study about acting but they will have weekly opportunities to write and act.

Students will have vocabulary tests throughout the semester.

Students will spend the week practicing acting skills and techniques, but will also have chances to perform on stage in our school auditorium.

**Grading:**

Grades are based on percentages.

50% Major Assessments: Vocabulary Tests, Group and Individual

Presentations, Projects, and Major Productions

30% Mid-level Assignments: Activity Participation, Individual Readings

20% Daily Practicess: Class Participation, Teamwork, Vocabulary

Activities, and Warm-up Activities

*At the end of each semester each class will present a major production for their grade level and parents. Students have a chance to show what they have learned from class and entertain an audience. Drama is a lot of fun, but it is not just playtime . . . we need to work hard to be ready for our final performance!*