Dominican International School





SUBJECT: Pre-K Drama Syllabus (1st Semester)

GRADE LEVEL: Pre-K SCHOOL YEAR: 2024-25

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Preschool years are a critical time for a child's development, and creative drama activities can be a powerful tool to enhance early learning. In this course, we'll explore a range of exciting and imaginative drama activities designed specifically for preschoolers. Drama activities are well thought and planned in order to foster early learning, promote social skills, and nurture young minds in a fun and engaging way.

Like the other course, drama class will support and help students develop their leadership, communication skills, and creative thinking through engaging activities. From learning the fundamentals of projection, articulation, and **dramatic** movement to building self-confidence through imaginative character-building and group scenes. This course will offer a fun and educational experience for the pre-kindergarten students.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Communicative:

Students will exercise and develop verbal and non-verbal (interpersonal) communicational skills. They will be able to identify the different emotions to themselves and others and use speech in both imaginary and everyday situations in the English language, speak and perform on a given topic, acquire speaking and listening habits to understand, enjoy and appreciate their surroundings, the people around them and the arts. Students will acquire new vocabulary that will enhance school academic performance.

o **Cognitive**, linguistic, socio-emotional and physical development: perception, attention, memory, motor skills, imagination, social skills, problem solving,

- concept learning, speech and language skills and more cognitive functions will be developed. Students will understand the world and how we act in it.
- Critical and creative thinking: Students will learn how to think critically and creatively, observe and express while being organized and open-minded. They will learn to think using dispositions such as reason and imagination, resourcefulness and innovation.
- o **Team work:** Students will build their capacities and skills in terms of learning to collaborate and contribute to a group in harmony, while at the same time they will learn how to evolve individually and collaboratively.
- At the end of this course, students will have improved their:

Social and Interpersonal Skills:

- Getting along with other children and adults and developing good relationships with teachers
- o Helping others and developing caring attitudes
- o Playing and working cooperatively
- Following classroom rules

• Learning to Learn:

- o Self-help skills to promote a good self-image and high self-esteem
- o Knowledge of self, family, and culture
- o Sense of self-worth
- o Persistence, cooperation, self-control, and motivation to learn
- Growing confidence
- o Responsibility for age-appropriate tasks
- o Turn taking during activities with other children

• Language and Literacy:

- Oral language skills
- Vocabulary
- o Conversations with other children and adults
- o Proficiency in language
- Literacy skills related to writing and reading
- o Listening comprehension
- o Motivation to read

Character Education:

- Positive mental attitude
- o Persistence
- Respect for others
- Cooperation
- Honesty
- Trustworthiness
- Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT:

Practical observation and evaluation based on class participation, both orally (answering questions about stories) and physically (dancing and acting out activities).

Students' participation is assessed based in a 1 to 4 scale:

- 4 Proficient
- 3 Meets expectations
- 2 Working towards meeting expectations
- 1 Does not meet expectations

PRIMARY TEXTBOOK & OTHER RESOURCES

Curriculum developed by **One Stop Drama Shop** will be used to teach Pre-K drama. The curriculum

is designed to meet standards in the arts. It progresses in sequence from grade to grade and builds

on skills year after year.

Pre-K Final Grade Composition:

Classwork/Homework 30%	Unit Quizzes and Projects 30%	Quarter Exam 30%	D'TORCH 10%
Class Participation Worksheets	Grammar Quizzes Writing Projects	1 exam/project	Truthful Organized Reflective Courageous Helpful

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1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on	time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments	
Week 1 Aug 12 to 16	Introduction to Pre-K Drama Introduction to material, procedures and routines Get to know me PPT	
Week 2 Aug 19th to 23th	Introducing the 5 Senses Objective: Identify & imitate the 5 senses Focus: sight and touch	
Week 3 Aug 26th to 30th	Objective: Identify & Imitate the 5 senses Focus: Taste and Smell Musical instruments & rhythm Group reading: Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	
Week 4 Sep 2 nd to Sept. 6 th	Introducing the 5 Senses Focus: Hearing and Listening	
	Elves and the Shoemaker Objective: Self-management skills Group reading: The Elves and The Shoemaker Exploring key terms used in drama (loud, quiet, fast, slow, etc.)	
Week 5 Sep 9th to 13th Holy Mass (Mama Mary's Birthday/ & VIP Induction	Elves and the Shoemaker Objective: Self-management skills Group reading: The Elves and The Emperor Vocabulary: space, listening, imitation, concentration	
Week 6 Sep 16th to 20 th Mid-Autumn Festival	Mid-Autumn Break for Students Teachers' Conferences	
Week 7 Sep 23rd to Sep. 27th Sep 24-26 Pre-Exam Days	Magic Carpet Objective: Using the 5 senses Group reading: Aladdin and The Magic Lamp How do we use our senses in different places?	
Week 8 Sep 30 th to Oct 4 th	Magic Carpet Objective: Using the 5 senses Group reading: Piglette Respecting personal space	
Week 9 Oct. 7 th to Oct. 11 th Oct. 10 - Holiday	Review & Evaluation Q1 Exams	

2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)			
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments		
Week 1 (10) Oct 14 th to Oct 18 th	Humpty Dumpty Objective: Identify and use drama tools (mind, body, voice) Group reading: Humpty Dumpty Vocabulary: mind, body, voice, imagination		
Week 2 (11) Oct 21 st to 25 th	Humpty Dumpty Objective: Identify and use drama tools (mind, body, voice) Expanding on a story: Humpty Dumpty How do we use our bodies to tell a story?		
, ,	The Snowman Objective: Using the 3 drama tools (mind, body, voice) Poem: The Snowman Pair work: Playing different characters from the poem		
, ,	The Snowman Objective: Using the 3 drama tools (mind, body, voice) Pair work: Acting out the poem How can I be a good audience member?		
	Jack & Jill Objective: Using the 3 drama tools (mind, body, voice) Group reading: Jack and Jill Pair work: Playing different characters from the story		
` '	Jack & Jill Objective: Using the 3 drama tools (mind, body, voice) Group reading: Harold and the Purple Crayon Activity: Drawing pictures in the air (Visualization)		
	I Woke Up This Morning Objective: Imitate actions & emotions of a character Character Education: Identify emotions & physical reactions to emotions Vocabulary: happy, sad, mad & scared		
Dec 2- Dec.	I Woke Up This Morning Objective: Imitate actions & emotions of a character Group reading: Making Faces Sentence structure: I feel because		
Week 9 (18) Dec 9 th to 13 th	Review & Evaluation Q2 Exams		
Dec 14th to Jan 6 th	Christmas Holiday		