



Theatre I & II

Dr. Lynda McKnight

2018-2019

PURPOSE:

**To explore the world of theatre,
and grow a deeper appreciation
for this art form and the skills
and hard work that go into
creating it**

HOW TO REACH ME

1. mcknightl@pearlandisd.org
2. Remind app
3. My teacher webpage

REMIND 101: Sign up for class text alerts for reminders about homework, tests, quizzes and other important information. Download the Remind App to be able to chat with Dr. McKnight for help or questions. Parents are welcome to join!

Theatre I: ⇒ Text **@8fkhf9** to 81010

Theatre II: ⇒ Text **@7h477c** to 81010

Conference Time: 2:05-2:56. Additional times may be available before or after school. Please feel free to contact me by email if you would like to schedule a conference.

Required Materials

1 composition book, any color
1 plastic folder with brads
Pencils
Small notecards (spiral bound if possible)
1 package Notebook Paper

Grades

Daily grades: 40%
*Homework, warm-ups, quizzes, assignments
Major grades: 60%
*Tests and major performances/projects

Tutorials

Monday afternoon/Thursday morning
or by appointment

Assignment Policies

⇒ Homework and assignments are due when you walk in the door. Missing assignments will result in ZAP.
⇒ Corrections: All assignments below a 70 can be corrected in tutorials within 5days.

Absentee Policy

⇒ Yes – We did something important while you were absent! It is your responsibility to check with me the day your return to class to find out what you missed.
⇒ You have 3 days to complete absent work. if not completed on time, zap will follow.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Please **do not talk when I am talking**, or when one of your classmates is talking to the group. This is true in your desk, in the theatre space, and in the theatre. Raise your hand if you want to speak.
2. Stay in your seat. If you need to leave your seat, please raise your hand and ask for permission.
3. If we are doing a group activity, stay with and contain your conversation to your assigned group.
4. Participate to the best of your ability. Work hard, whether at “desk work” or performance practice. Give your all, try as hard as you possibly can, every day.
5. Be courteous, kind, and respectful to everyone in the room.

Consequences if expectations are not met:

1. Warning Given
2. Alternate In-class Assignment
3. 30 Minute Teacher/Lunch Detention
4. 1 Hour After School Detention
5. Referred to Administration
6. 2 Hour After School Detention

Reminders

⇒ Be on time! You need to be in your seat with your journal ready to go when the bell rings, or you need to go get a tardy pass.

⇒ Devices must be placed in the phone holder unless we are having a BYOD activity. If not placed in the holder, they must be in your locker or at home. If you are caught abusing privileges, your device will be confiscated.

⇒ Theatre Class includes “desk “work, “on-your-feet” work, group rehearsals and individual projects. Know what the expectations are for the day and abide by the rules. If you don’t know, ask!!

⇒ In addition to classroom rules and procedures, the rules and regulations of Berry Miller Junior High School and of the PISD student handbook apply at school and school-related functions.

Life Happens!

If at any time issues at home or school arise and you feel you are unable to submit your best work on time, or you are struggling in class, come talk to me. I am happy to help you in any way I can to give you success in this class. We will work together!

Performances

This course will include a major performance for the final exam grade. (Theatre I will present Duet/Trio scenes; Theatre II will present a one-act play.) The showcase performances will be during class and will be open to parents. There will be no after school or weekend rehearsals.

Attending outside performances

The BMJH theatre department has the option to attend all Dawson and Pearland high school theatre productions on Junior High Night for only \$5 per student. These are optional but highly encouraged. Extra credit will be given for attendance at these performances. Extra credit will also be given for performances at any approved professional theatre, opera, or ballet performance.

Calendar

A comprehensive calendar is available on Canvas, accessible by your students. There is also a link on my teacher web page to each course, as well as a general BMJH Theatre rehearsal calendar.

Parent Volunteers

This troupe cannot succeed without parents! We need you for a variety of jobs: set building, costume construction, props procurement, chaperoning, feeding the kids, organizing our current stock...no matter what your talents and gifts are, or how much or little time you have available, we can put you to work! Coming up in February is our **Dinner Theatre**

Fundraiser on February 7. This is our only fundraiser for the year, and we could really use your help! Please fill out the attached Parent Volunteer form, and feel free to contact me with any questions. We're especially looking for someone to solicit the donation of a meal and/or coordinating the purchase and preparation of food that isn't donated. Please make sure you have completed the Volunteer Background Check for 2018-2019. Information on this is at <http://www.pearlandisd.org/Page/261> <http://www.pearlandisd.org/Page/261>

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and expectations for Theatre Arts class. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact Dr. McKnight if I have questions or concerns.

Student signature/date

Parent/Guardian signature/date