

SUMMER CLASSES

THEATRE CLASSES FOR
CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH GRADE 12

2019



Creative Drama
Fall 2014

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More Than a Theatre

What's Inside!

Theatre arts education at the Playhouse provides students with the opportunity to explore, create, imagine, and express themselves, all within a safe, nurturing environment.

We have a full schedule of camps, offering a wide variety of theatre experiences for all ages. Whether it's creative drama, devised theatre or Performance Academy, we have something for children of all levels of experience.

There are many good reasons why our summer education program is one of the largest of any community theatre in the country: talented teachers, curious kids, and amazing activities unique to the Playhouse. Thank you for spending part of your summer with us here at the Playhouse!



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Playhouse education department encourages self-development through the dramatic arts, explores the skills of the theatre, fosters an appreciation of the theatre, and acquaints students with technical theatre knowledge.

What Is Creative Drama?

Every class at the Playhouse is unique, and our teaching artists employ a variety of techniques and genres with different approaches and outcomes. Most camps for younger students, particularly for kindergarten, first, and second grades, are focused on creative dramatics, and are marked with this symbol 🎭.

Creative drama sparks children's natural abilities to become the characters they hear about in the books they love. These camps are literature-based and designed to foster listening and cooperative skills as well as self-esteem and individual expression. A creative drama class does not "perform" on the final day, however students are given the tools to share each day's story with their families.

Creative Drama activities may include:

- Dramatic play
- Story enactment
- Imagination journeys
- Theatre games
- Music
- Puppetry
- Creative movement

What Is Performance Academy?

In Performance Academy, actors are taken through a more disciplined process: auditioning, rehearsing, and performing a play to learn how to polish skills in a dynamic, challenging environment.

“I loved every minute of my time with the Performance Academy. It truly prepares you for theatre outside of Des Moines. I believe that my skills and knowledge from the Performance Academy gave me a leg up when auditioning and performing outside and inside of the Playhouse.”

—JESSICA MARTENS, Triple Threat Award Winner, Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards 2015

Jessica Martens, Legally Blonde Jr., 2012-13 Season



June 2019

Please note that spaces fill up quickly. We recommend registering as early as possible. Register today at www.dmplayhouse.com!

CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX
Dare to be Different	K2019-1	Half Day	6/10-6/14	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Scene Stealers	2-3	Half Day	6/10-6/14	1-4p	\$125/\$135	18
Scene Stealers	4-5	Full Day	6/10-6/14	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
Scene Stealers	6-8	Full Day	6/10-6/14	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
Harry Potter	4-8	Full Day	6/17-6/21	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	60
Pirates and Pixiedust	K2019-1	Half Day	6/24-6/28	1:30-3:30p	\$125/\$135	15
Pirates Past Noon	2-3	Half Day	6/24-6/28	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	18
Performance Academy: <i>Peter Pan</i>	4-8	Full Day	6/24-6/28	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	40



*Hairspray Jr.,
Performance Academy
2010*

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 9:30–11:30 AM,
June 10–14, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

From *Tacky the Penguin* to *Giraffes Can't Dance*, children's books are full of characters who walk to the beat of their own drummers. We'll tell these stories and others with dramatic play, music, movement, games, and lots of hands-on activities. 😊

SCENE STEALERS

Grades 2–3, 1:00–4:00 PM, June 10–14, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Using the books kids love to read, such as *Judy Moody & Stink*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and more, perform scenes in large and small groups. We keep it light but work on beginning acting skills and ensemble building. Friends and family are invited on the final day to view highlights in an informal showcase. New scenes each session for returning campers!

SCENE STEALERS

Grades 4–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, June 10–14, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Use scripts from popular Kate Goldman Children's Theatre plays like *Charlotte's Web*; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; and others to select scenes perfect for honing acting skills: voice, movement, memorization, character choices, and diction. Scenes will be presented to family and friends on the final day. New scenes each session for returning campers!

SCENE STEALERS

Grades 6–8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, June 10–14, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Use scripts from plays like *The Giver*, *Little Women*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, and more to select scenes made for honing acting skills: voice, making strong character choices, and diction. Scenes will be presented to family and friends on the final day. New scenes each session for returning students!

HARRY POTTER FULL*

Grades 4–8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, June 17–21, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Come to King's Cross Station, Platform 9¾, to enter the summer session at Hogwarts. After being assigned a house by the Sorting Hat, make a magic wand and Quidditch uniform, and attend classes in potions, divination, and defense against the dark arts. Students need to read books 1-3 before the first day of camp.

HARRY POTTER PREFECT FULL*

Grades 4–8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, June 17–21, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Please register as a Prefect if your child has taken Harry Potter in any previous summer.

PIRATES AND PIXIEDUST

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 1:30–3:30 PM,

June 24–28, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Aarghh, young lads and lassies! Join us to tell stories of mayhem on the high seas, tales of buried treasure, and magical myths of mermaids and fairies. 😊

MAGIC TREE HOUSE: PIRATES PAST NOON

Grades 2–3, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, June 24–28, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Aarghh, young lads and lassies! Join us to tell stories of mayhem on the high seas, tales of buried treasure, and magical myths of mermaids and fairies.

PERFORMANCE ACADEMY: PETER PAN

Grades 4–8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, June 24–28, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Perform J.M. Barrie's classic tale of the boy who refuses to grow up, the Darling children, and the magical world of Neverland, *Peter Pan*. On the final day of camp, an audience of family and friends will watch Peter, Wendy, Michael, and John as they join Tinker Bell to defeat Captain Hook and his crew of dastardly pirates. Enrollment guarantees a part in the play!

**Please Note: Harry Potter and Harry Potter Prefect are full. Please go to dmplayhouse.com to be placed on a waiting list.*

SEASON TICKET
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PER CLASS!

July 2019

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CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX
Clubhouse at the Playhouse	K2019-1	Three Half Days	7/1-7/3	9:30-11:30a	\$80/\$90	15
Playhouse Players	1-2	Three Half Days	7/1-7/3	1-4p	\$80/\$90	18
Playhouse Players	3-5	Three Full Days	7/1-7/3	9a-4p	\$145/\$155	20
KGCT Audition Workshop	4-9	Three Half Days	7/1-7/3	9a-12p	\$80/\$90	40
Musical Audition Workshop	4-9	Three Half Days	7/1-7/3	1-4p	\$80/\$90	20
Dinodrama	K2019-1	Half Day	7/8-7/12	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	15
Mysteries, Inc.	2-3	Half Day	7/8-7/12	1-4p	\$125/\$135	18
A Series of Unfortunate Events	4-5	Full Day	7/8-7/12	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
Performance Academy: <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	6-9	Full Day	7/8-7/12	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
Superhuman Showdown	2-3	Half Day	7/15-7/19	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	18
<i>101 Dalmatians Kids</i>	4-5	Full Day	7/15-7/19	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	30
Performance Academy: <i>Mary Poppins Jr.</i>	6-9	Two Week Full Day	7/15-7/27	9:30-11:30a	\$400/\$425	30
Broadway Babies	K2019-1	Half Day	7/22-7/26	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	15
Uncanny Nannies	2-3	Half Day	7/22-7/26	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	18
<i>The Wild Robot</i>	4-6	Full Day	7/22-7/26	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
10-Minute Plays	7-9	Full Day	7/22-7/26	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
<i>The Bad Guys</i>	1-2	Full Day	7/29-8/2	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	18
<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>	3-4	Full Day	7/29-8/2	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20
Stories of Roald Dahl	5-6	Full Day	7/29-8/2	9a-4p	\$250/\$260	20

CLUBHOUSE AT THE PLAYHOUSE

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 9:30–11:30 AM,
July 1–3, 2019

\$80 Subscribers/\$90 Non-subscribers

Based on the popular Friday Funday series, students make their own clubhouse and create a secret handshake and pledge. Open the Magic Book to discover the clues, then act out stories with costumes and props hidden in the secret Clubhouse trunk. There's a new story every day! 🍷

PLAYHOUSE PLAYERS: FRANKENCRAYON

Grades 1–2, 1:00–4:00 PM, July 1–3, 2019

\$80 Subscribers/\$90 Non-subscribers

Using the book *Frankencrayon* as our script, learn the basics of story dramatization and creative problem-solving while rehearsing your play. Parents can come watch our performance on the last day of class!

PLAYHOUSE PLAYERS: THE LAND OF STORIES

Grades 3–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 1–3, 2019

\$145 Subscribers/\$155 Non-subscribers

Learn a variety of theatre skills while putting together a short play based on the popular book series *The Land of Stories*. Parents are invited to the performance on the final day!

KATE GOLDMAN CHILDREN'S THEATRE AUDITION WORKSHOP

Grades 4–9, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, July 1–3, 2019

\$80 Subscribers/\$90 Non-subscribers

The 2019-20 Season has been announced and includes great titles like *Pippi Longstocking*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*. Work with Playhouse directors to get the experience necessary to be comfortable and successful in auditions. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with scenes from the shows, available roles, and the audition procedure used at the Playhouse. This class will focus on the scene work from both plays and musicals in the upcoming Playhouse season.

MUSICAL AUDITION WORKSHOP*

Grades 4–9, 1:00–4:00 PM, July 1–3, 2019

\$80 Subscribers/\$90 Non-subscribers

The 2019-20 season has been chosen and it includes *Freaky Friday*, *A Christmas Story The Musical*, *Pippi Longstocking*, and *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*, all of which have roles for young actors! Polish the skills necessary for a successful musical audition including selecting a song and learning a dance combination. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with songs from the shows, available roles, and the musical audition procedure used at the Playhouse. This class will focus on the singing and dancing components of a musical audition. On the final day, directors visit to offer valuable feedback.

*Please choose, learn, and memorize an appropriate musical theatre audition song prior to the first day of camp. If you have questions about preparing a song, contact Robin Spahr, education director, at 515.974.5365.

DINODRAMA

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 9:30–11:30 AM,
July 8–12, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Travel back to the Jurassic, Triassic, and Cretaceous time periods to tell dinosaur stories and sing dinosaur songs. From *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* to *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* and everything in between it will be “dino-mite”! 🦖

MYSTERIES, INC.

Grades 2–3, 1:00–4:00 PM, July 8–12, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Join Cam Jansen, Nate the Great, and other children's literary detectives in a week of writing, acting out, and solving mysteries of the Playhouse. Parents are invited to help solve the final mystery on Friday!

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Grades 4–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 8–12, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Explore the quirky and terrible tales of three orphans' continuous bad luck and the pursuit of the deliciously scheming Count Olaf. Rehearse and perform scenes based on and inspired by the tragic books by Lemony Snicket.

FREE TICKET

TO THE KATE GOLDMAN
CHILDREN'S THEATRE!*

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PERFORMANCE ACADEMY:

A WRINKLE IN TIME.

Grades 6–9, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 8–12, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, July 12, 2019 in the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre

Join us for a clever one-act adaptation of one of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry. She's joining forces with Mrs. Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe, and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity, and find herself. Will love overcome evil?

SUPERHUMAN SHOWDOWN

Grades 2–3, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, July 15–19, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

What happens when you put Captain Awesome in a story with Professor Poopy Pants? Who will win in a mashup matchup between The Princess in Black and Dr. Doom? See what happens when all of their stories come together. Create your own superheroes and put them together in new stories. Parents are invited for the unveiling of students' creations on the last day.

BROADWAY STARS:

DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIANS KIDS

Grades 4–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 15–19, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, July 19, 2019 in the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre

Based on the classic animated film, *Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids* is a fur-raising adventure featuring Cruella De Vil, Disney's most outrageous villain, and 101 of the most adorable heroes to set their paws onstage. Enrollment guarantees a part in the show!

BROADWAY STARS:

DISNEY'S MARY POPPINS JR.

Grades 6–9, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 15–27, 2019

\$400 Subscribers/\$425 Non-subscribers

Auditions: 1:00–4:00 PM, Saturday, July 13, 2019

Performances: 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 27, 2019 in the Mainstage

Your favorite practically perfect nanny takes center stage in this Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious 65-minute adventure based on the award-winning Broadway musical and classic Walt Disney film. Enrollment in this two-week camp guarantees a part in the play with auditions to determine role assignment.

BROADWAY BABIES

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM,

July 22–26, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves in a playful and fun atmosphere. Perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

UNCANNY NANNIES

Grades 2–3, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, July 22–26, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Children's books are full of stories about nannies who inspire and teach, all with a hint of magic. Or perhaps just a spoonful of sugar? Mary Poppins, Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle, and Nanny McPhee will all be there. Will you? We'll present favorite scenes to parents on the last day!

THE WILD ROBOT

Grades 4–6, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 22–26, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers she is alone on a deserted island. As she befriends the animals on the island she comes to realize her best hope is to adapt and learn from them. Work on scenes inspired by Roz's tale of what happens when nature and technology collide. Parents are invited the final day for a showcase!

SEASON TICKET
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SAVE \$10
PER CLASS!

10 MINUTE PLAYS

Grades 7–9, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 22–26, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Performers serious about exploring the art of acting are assigned roles in short plays and monologues to emphasize working in a professional environment. Beginners are challenged with learning lines and blocking. Advanced actors can delve into the emotional life of the character and gain a finer understanding of how to manipulate stage space. Be ready to give it your all! There will be a presentation of our plays on the final day for family and friends.

STAGECRAFT AND STORIES:

THE BAD GUYS

Grades 1–2, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 29–Aug. 2, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

The bad guys are scary, dangerous, and well... just bad. But they want to be heroes. Design and create backdrops and props based on Aaron Blabey's super fun books about bad guys who are ready to do good things. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

STAGECRAFT AND STORIES:

THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH

Grades 3–4, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 29–Aug. 2, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

John Midas loves chocolate. One day, after wandering into a candy store, he finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate. Design and paint backdrops and props inspired by the story. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

STAGECRAFT AND STORIES:

THE STORIES OF ROALD DAHL

Grades 5–6, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, July 29–Aug. 2, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Rehearse scenes from Roald Dahl books such as *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and design and create backdrops and props inspired by the stories. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!



Toast of Broadway
Winter 2014

August 2019

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CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX
Fancy Nancy	K2019-1	Half Day	8/5-8/9	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Broadway Bound	2-3	Half Day	8/5-8/9	9:00a-12:00p	\$125/\$135	18
<i>Pinocchio</i>	4-5	Full Day	8/5-8/9	9:00a-4:00p	\$250/\$260	20
Mythic Proportions	6-7	Full Day	8/5-8/9	9:00a-4:00p	\$250/\$260	20
Live at the Improv	8-12	Evening	8/5-8/9	6:00-9:00p	\$125/\$135	20
Seriously Silly	K2019-1	Half Day	8/12-8/16	1:30-3:30p	\$125/\$135	15
My Weird School	2-3	Half Day	8/12-8/16	9:00-12:00p	\$125/\$135	18
Graphically Speaking	4-5	Full Day	8/12-8/16	9:00a-4:00p	\$250/\$260	20
Are You Smarter Than A Bully?	6-8	Full Day	8/12-8/16	9:00a-4:00p	\$250/\$260	20



Hairspray Jr.,
Performance Academy
2010

FANCY NANCY, OOO LA LA!

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 9:30–11:30 AM,
Aug. 5–9, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Bonjour! That's Nancy's fancy way of saying hello. Nancy Clancy believes that more is always better when it comes to all things fancy. We'll act out stories from the Fancy Nancy series of books, learn some fancy vocabulary, and discover our inner costume designer. Remember, anyone can be fancy! 😊

BROADWAY BOUND

Grades 2–3, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, Aug. 5–9, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves, then perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

FABLE IN FIVE: PINOCCHIO

Grades 4–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, Aug. 5–9, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

One fable. Five days. Needed: 20 actors to bring this timeless story and one big wish to life. Help make the set, choose costumes, rehearse and then perform for family and friends on the last day of class.

MYTHIC PROPORTIONS

Grades 6–7, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, Aug. 5–9, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Gods and goddesses populate the Greek and Roman myths of ancient times and still influence popular culture today. These stories are the source material for this performance camp in which students write, design, and act in a larger-than-life play. Build masks and costumes, design backdrops and sets, rehearse, and then perform for family and friends.

LIVE AT THE IMPROV

Grades 8–12, 6:00–9:00 PM, Aug. 5–9, 2019

\$120 Subscribers/\$130 Non-subscribers

Wing it! Ad lib! Watch out because ideas fly by with lightning speed. Participants have been known to bust a gut. Open to newcomers and returning students. Love Second Saturday? This class takes it to the next level! Improv showcase, complete with audience participation, on the final night!

SERIOUSLY SILLY

Kindergarten 2019–Grade 1, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM,
Aug. 12–16, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

We've been searching for the silliest books and we've found some great ones: *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*; *The Epic Adventures of Huggie and Stick*; and all kinds of laugh-out-loud shenanigans. We'll have fun acting out stories, playing theatre games, and using our imaginations!

MY WEIRD SCHOOL

Grades 2–3, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, Aug. 12–16, 2019

\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

There's something wrong at Ella Mentry School! The teachers are brainy, embarrassing, dangerous, and just plain bizarre! Miss Daisy is crazy, Mrs. Roopy is loopy, and Mr. Klutz is nuts! We'll read and act out scenes and perform our favorites for parents on the last day.

GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Grades 4–5, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, Aug. 12–16, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Graphic novels are all the rage, and we know why: great stories, relatable characters, and awesome illustrations! We'll use books like *Smile*, *All's Faire in Middle School*, *Dork Diaries*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (or maybe students' choice!) to put together a scene showcase complete with our own "graphic" backdrops. There will be a presentation for parents on the final day! 😊

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BULLY?

Grades 6–8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, Aug. 12–16, 2019

\$250 Subscribers/\$260 Non-subscribers

Work together and use personal experiences with bullying to write and perform the game show *Are You Smarter Than a Bully?*, in front of a live studio audience (i.e. your family and friends). Will there be hosts, judges, contestants? You decide!



Register online at www.dmplayhouse.com

All correspondence regarding your registration, including confirmation and class details, will be sent via email. A valid email address is required. Please add rspahr@dmplayhouse.com to your safe sender list to ensure email delivery.

FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS:

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What to Bring

Bring:

- ✓ Shoes that lace up; it makes it both easy and safe to move around during play. 
- ✓ Nut-free lunch, snacks, and beverage to full-day camps. Beverages and snacks can be purchased by full-day campers at the noon hour. 
- ✓ Nut-free snack and beverage for half-day camps.
- ✓ Refillable water bottle. 
- ✓ A sweater to wear in case the room gets chilly.

Don't Bring:

- ✗ Electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc.). To encourage community-building, students are not allowed to use phones during classtime, including lunch and breaks, unless used as a therapeutic outlet. Students are welcome to contact family members through the education office if needed.

Parent/Student Protocol

We understand that a student's successful experience in a Playhouse class is, in part, dependent upon the commitment of parents or guardians. We appreciate your willingness to support your student in this regard. The following are a set of expectations designed to give your student a meaningful and safe experience.

Arrival

Your student depends on you to be dropped off on time. Classes begin at the appointed hour, just like curtain time! Park your car in the lot and walk your student inside. There will be a sign-in sheet. If you need to arrive more than 15 minutes early, sign up for our Before Care Program or plan to stay with your student in the sign-in area.

Departure

Your student also depends on you to be picked up on time. Park and come inside to sign your student out. There will be a Playhouse representative in the sign-out area to make sure that everyone leaves with a safe adult. If you run later than 10 minutes, your student will go into our After Care Program and you will be assessed the \$6.00 fee for an afternoon's stay.

If your student is old enough to drive, bike, or walk to classes alone, please ask the education director for the permission form that states that your student may come to and leave classes unaccompanied.

Illness and Medical Needs

If students tell us they are ill enough to go home, we take them at their word. Please make sure that the emergency numbers you provide are for someone who is available to come immediately should your child need to leave. Medical needs should be clearly outlined on the form provided at registration. The more thorough you are, the more efficient we can be. However, please remember that we cannot administer any medications.

Discipline

Some students may find that theatre classroom and performance etiquette is too demanding for them. Our disciplinary policy is as follows:

- To clearly state the rules and expectations up front
- To give the student an opportunity to correct behavior
- To give a reasonable time-out within the classroom

If those steps are not successful, the student will visit with the education director who will decide if a call home is warranted. If teachers and the director are not successful negotiating improvement, a parent/staff conference may be necessary. Only as a final step would a student be asked to leave class permanently.*

**Please note that physical violence or threats will not be tolerated and may be reason for immediate dismissal from class.*

Extended Day Fees: Before/After Care

Playhouse staff will provide supervised daycare from 7:30-9:00 AM and 4:00-5:30 PM. The fee is \$6.00 per session per day (\$12.00 per day for both Before and After Care). This is not a drop-in service; children must be registered. If a parent is later than 5:30 PM, an additional \$20.00 late fee will be charged. **After care is not available on Fridays.**

Grade Levels

Enroll your student in the grade level your child will be entering in **Fall 2019**, or their "rising grade." Children are grouped so we may appropriately serve their developmental needs.

Subscriber Tuition Discount

"Subscribers" refers to those with season tickets for the Mainstage or the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre, in either the 2018-19 or 2019-20 season. If you wish to find out more about purchasing season tickets, call the Playhouse ticket office at 515.277.6261. Ticket office hours are Noon-6:00 P.M., Tuesdays-Fridays, and two hours prior to show times.

Changes/Refunds

Any requests for changes or refunds must be made at least one week prior to the first class meeting. You will receive a full refund minus a \$25 processing fee. There will be no refunds after this point, but a credit can be made toward tuition of a future class within a year of the cancellation.

Scholarships

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