

Speech and drama THE BENEFITS

<u>CONFIDENCE</u> - We understand all children are different. We guide our students to develop at their own pace and readiness. We encourage students to think out of the box, try out new things, enter competitions, participate in exams, and learn new skills. All of these opportunities and achievements grow confidence.

<u>CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION</u> - This is important for the development of children's brains. Imaginative and creative play is how children learn about the world. During imaginative speech and drama activities children learn to express themselves verbally and non-verbally, plan (intentionally or unintentionally), act, interact, react, and try different roles Students are encouraged to express themselves openly and without judgment. We use role play and improvisation activities to develop creativity and imagination.

<u>SPEAKING SKILLS</u> - We teach the foundation speaking skills for effective communication. Students will learn to use a flexible and appropriate voice for clear speaking. Our teachers use creative activities to teach children to speak slowly and clearly, to use expression, to project their voice, and to use appropriate volume for different audiences and situations.

<u>EMPATHY</u> - Exploring different characters through role play, improvisation, and script work challenges our students to think and act differently. To take a walk in another person's shoes and explore the emotions they feel. These drama exercises are a great way of connecting with people and understanding them better. This influences our children to have more empathy and compassion for others in real-life situations.

<u>BODY LANGUAGE</u> - Nonverbal communication or body language is the use of gesture, tone of voice, expression, and posture to convey a message. The effective and positive use of body language makes up an overwhelming amount of how we communicate and our relationships with others. We teach our students positive body language and nonverbal communication for relationships, building trust, and making positive impressions on others.

<u>PROBLEM SOLVING</u> - This is a skill that we use in all aspects of life. Children need to master problem solving as they nagivate academic success and peer reationships. When children tackle problems on their own, or in a group, they become resilient. They learn to look at challenges from a fresh perspective. They take more calculated risks. If students practice problem solving consistently, they can develop greater situational and social awareness

<u>MANNERS + RESPECT</u> - We pride ourselves on always modeling and reinforcing good manners, respect, and communication etiquette. Our classes are positive, energetic, welcoming, and supportive. We expect this from our students too!

<u>TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP</u> - Our classes are collaborative. Students practice working together, sharing responsibility and compromising with others to accomplish a common goal. They soon begin to understand that their contribution is valuable to the success of the group.



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