

READER'S THEATER

OVERVIEW OF COURSE

The Reader's theater curriculum combines standards of instruction in theater and Reading/Language Arts. Reader's Theater is an effective way to present literature in dramatic form. This course engages adolescent learners in the process of reading willingly, thinking critically, writing creatively, speaking with fluency and dramatic clarity, listening intently and working cooperatively. Throughout the semester course, students will focus on the mechanics of Reader's Theater, Folk and Fairy tales, Story and Story telling, Shakespeare and Characterization.

Participation

Reader's Theater is a class that allows students to use their middle school energy in positive manner. It is a class that can help a shy student grow immeasurably as a person. It can teach you skills that you use for a lifetime. However the magic of theater only works if your child is willing to participate. Proper participation also equals positive behavior and comments. When students make rude comments to other students during or after their performances it turns them into a reluctant participator. Please encourage your child to participate and be a positive and productive member of class.

Grading Policies

Reader's Theater by design weighs heavy on everyday class performance and final performances. The grade will be calculated on the following percentages:

Category	Percentage of Total Grade
Homework for Practice & Preparation *	5%
Formative Assessments	70%
Summative Assessments	20%

*MVMS uses the "raw score conversion to percentage" method to calculate grades. Therefore, the # of points a particular assignment is worth does not impact its weight within a category (18/20 carries the same weight as 36/40). However, assignments may be still be weighted within categories by assigning assignment weights.

*There is typically no homework assigned in this class. This category will be used for short or quick assignments such as exit cards that typically check for student understanding.

MAKE UP POLICY (A Student's Guide to rights and responsibilities in MCPS)—

"You are responsible for making up any work you miss during absence, regardless of the reason for the absence. If the absence is unexcused, your teacher does not have to help you make up the work you missed, give you a retest, or give you an extension on work that was due." **You are required to make up work in this class and it is your responsibility to check with the teacher about missed work.** Work should be made up in a timely manner.

RETEACH and REASSESS

Re-teaching occurs when teachers or students determine that students are not meeting learning goals.

- Assessed tasks may be revised to receive a higher grade until the end of a lesson sequence.
- The original student work, along with the teacher comments and/or rubric, must accompany the revised work in order to be re-graded.
- Alternative forms of assessment may be used for reassessment.
- Quizzes may be taken a second time, with the second score will take precedence over the first.
- In accordance with MCPS policy, summative assessments cannot be reassessed

GRADE UPDATES

Grades entered in a teacher's electronic grade book are automatically uploaded to Edline on a nightly basis. Both students and parents should log into Edline regularly to check grades and missing assignments. Students are expected to know their grades, and what, if any, work is missing at all times. There should be no surprises about grades to students or parents; if so, please make sure you contact me. If you need an Edline activation code, please contact our school's Edline Superuser, Alice Marable at alice_marable@mcpsmd.org. In addition, it would be extremely helpful to enter an active email address in both student and parent Edline accounts; I use this to provide class updates as well as other communication throughout the year.

COMMUNICATION

One of the most useful ways we have to communicate is your child's data notebook. Please check this daily for information. I can also be reached by email (fastest) or by calling the school (301-840-4660). In addition, please check Edline regularly to know if you are missing work.

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