

PREPARING FOR THEATER CLASSTIME

The parent is an important piece in the teamwork needed to make the KATS program work. Here are basic requirements for parents to boost student learning:

BASIC PARENT TASKS TO PROMOTE SUCCESS FOR SELF-DIRECTED LEARNERS

1. Ordering textbooks – *see resources list on previous page for ordering information*

2. Scheduling of assignments

Parents are encouraged to study the weekly assignment sheet the first class-day of each week and help the student schedule out the needed studies through the coming days.

3. Holding students accountable

As the student concludes daily studies, it is recommended that a visual display of the work is shown to one or the other parent. Have the student recite their lines, using gestures as often as possible. Talk about how the character would feel and act. If there are songs to learn, set time aside for students to work on them. Quality control is managed through quick feedback.

4. Signature on the Assignment Sheet

The night before class is ideal for reviewing the assignment sheet once more to make sure everything was completed. Place all work together in one spot so it is find-able in the morning even if you have to dash out the door. If there are any questions along the way, email the advisor or write them on the assignment sheet that is being returned.

STUDENT CLASSTIME

In the KATS program, students find the greatest success if they take their responsibilities seriously. A strong sense of teamwork emerges.

1. Check-in the work

When students arrive in the classroom, they will be asked to show their completed assignments and recite the lines they memorized. If props or costume pieces are brought, students will earn points for those as well as for assignments brought to class. The points awarded can be used for class time snack items, but also for overall points at the conclusion of the final performance session when awards are handed out.

2. Class time activities

There will be a variety of activities involved during each class. Sometimes a music session will be inserted, or props assembled by the students. Usually rehearsal of memorized lines, stage blocking, and drama or voice projection practice are scheduled.

Whatever is occurring, students should plan to give their best effort and focus.

3. Assignment Sheet

At the end of each class an assignment sheet will be handed out. Students need to take responsibility for getting the sheet to their parents. Assignment sheets will also be posted on the HomeLink website. www.homelinkyakima.com - click on classes, then click on the date for the needed assignment sheet.

4. Do not miss class if at all possible.