



# STANDING OVATION !

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**PRE K – K - 1:** Young actors are introduced to norms and routines while learning to put on a show.

**Pre K & K - “ Five Green And Speckled Frogs ” Gr. 1 – “ Here We Go ‘Round The Seasons Again ”**

They’ll be introduced to wearing tunics and taking turns acting as they are part of their first cast ! Class always starts with everyone “ sitting safe ” on their rug spot, then actors practice listening exercises that help them learn about taking turns, audience etiquette, gross motor, balance, Self Control and Self Talk strategies. These are followed by 3 short shows, and class ends with a read aloud. If you hear stories about puppet friends - believe them - they’re all true! Our puppet friends have big problems. When we help solve the problems, the WAMS SPOT, and important social skills are reinforced.

**GR 2:** Actors are introduced to Drama norms and routines as they start the year with **puppeteering** ! They’ll make bold creative choices while improvising with other puppeteers and create a shark puppet with a costume and props that help an audience identify it’s character traits. Students are introduced to using S.T.A.R Scene Writer strategies, to collaboratively write short scenes. The unit ends with actors performing the scenes with the shark puppets for each other !

**GR 3:** Actors will practice Drama norms and routines while they’re introduced to the text features of a script. Then Reader’s Theater strategies are introduced to explore Fables and perform: “ **The Bundle of Sticks,** ” “ **The Boy Who Cried Wolf** ” and “ **Country Mouse & City Mouse.** ”

**GR 4:** Fourth grade actors start the year off preparing for their BIG BENCHMARK NIGHT SHOW !

**STORYTELLING FESTIVAL --- Friday --- OCT 26 6:00 – 7pm**

**Storytellers report at 5:45 to their assigned room. Black pants and shirt**

**Doors close from 6 - 7pm so young storytellers can focus - then at 7pm we all go to the Harvest Dance !**

**GR 5 & 6:** Preparation starts for BENCHMARK SHOWS 5 - “ **Vacation To Mars** ” 6 - “ **Way Out CC !** ”

Both complex shows give actors a chance to show off all the terrific performance skills they’ve developed over their years at WAMS. I’m confident that with good listening, willingness to work in rehearsals, and time put in at home reading their scenes each night, that they’ll have great success ! Scripts will be in their posted in their *Google Classroom*.

**NOTE - Gr. 6 shows will be 8:45 in the morning - NO NIGHT SHOWS**

## WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE DRAMA ?

Monday – 1 Snow, 2 Palumbo, K Lang, Pre K Skeates

Each day I have lunch duty

Tuesday – 5 Peters, Pre K Skeates, K Arlaboss, 3 O’Connell

and recess duty with Gr. 5

Wednesday – 6 Flemming, 2 Goldberg, 4 Savage

Thursday – 1 McAndrews, 3 Benoit

Friday - 4 Maloney, 1 Douglas, 2 Driscoll, 5 Desimone, 6 Manuel



**ON DRAMA DAY PLEASE ----- TIE HAIR BACK - Wear safe SHOES or SNEAKERS**

**WEAR shorts under a DRESS or SKIRT**

Sincerely, Ms. Tina Pugliese- Savage

