



Welcome to Storytime Theater!

January 2024

We are so glad your child has chosen to participate in this spring's production of *Puss in Boots*. Based on the classic fairytale about a cat who outsmarts an ogre, this is sure to be a terrific show.

- The performance will be held in MoCo's black box, The Founder's Theatre.
- **Dress rehearsals:**
 - Thursday, June 6 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, June 13 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, June 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Shows:**
 - Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Students will be learning dances, songs and speaking lines for this show. The production features costumes, sets, lights, and the full performance experience. It will be lots of fun, but please help your child understand it will also be a lot of **hard work and practicing**, before we get to the big performance.

The first day of class features games and activities that give us a chance to form a team; teamwork is essential in creating a successful performance. The second class features auditions that assist the director in **casting the students**. All students will get a part in the play. We discourage "switching" roles once the play has been cast. Sometimes children do not get the part that they "wanted." This is normal and is a learning opportunity to work through feelings of disappointment; remember there will be many more performing opportunities!

SECOND WEEK (Jan 25): Auditions for roles!

Children should bring their favorite stuffed animal and be prepared to talk about it in front of the group. Children seeking larger roles will also need to sing Happy Birthday for the class. We will do this in a playful and comfortable format. Casting is based on both age and ability but remember...everyone will get a great part!

Performing gives your child confidence and self-esteem, as well as being great fun!

Attendance is crucial; if a child does not regularly attend rehearsals during class, they may not feel prepared to comfortably perform. In a few weeks, your child will receive a script, practice CD, and links to the digital music files. The more you can read the script to your child and listen to the CD, the easier it will be for your child during class. More exact details about show times, costume requirements and volunteer opportunities will follow later in the session. If you have questions, just ask!

Thanks!

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