

## **Summer Camp Reference Guide**

### **Orientation Meeting**

There will be a brief parent meeting the first 10 minutes of the first day of each camp. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teacher(s) of the camp, learn about carpool, and what to expect throughout the week.

### **Full Day Camp Production Notes**

**All** students will play a role in the sharing, however not all actors will have large roles in the plays. Actors will be placed in their roles based on age, experience, ability and desire. It is important to remember that while every child cannot get a lead role, every role is crucial to tell a meaningful story on stage. There will be times when your child is watching and listening to rehearsal while we rehearse scenes they are not in. We will take breaks throughout the day from rehearsal to play theatre games, eat snacks and do acting exercises and warm-ups to enhance the fun and learning experience in the world of theatre arts.

### **Food**

All half day campers should pack a snack and water, while all full day campers should pack a snack, a lunch, and water. Snack breaks are taken outside, weather permitting. There are no refrigerators, microwaves, or vending machines available for students. Campers are not permitted to eat or drink in the classroom or theatre.

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT PACK ANY NUT PRODUCTS\*\***

### **Drop-Off/Pick-up**

Camps begin and end on time. Please avoid arriving more than five minutes early and plan to pick up your child at the scheduled end time of class. There is a carpool pickup for summer camp in the bus parking lot of Matthews Elementary School.

### **Parents in Class**

Parents are not allowed to sit in on classes due to space restrictions, but there will be a sharing for each camp at the end of the week on stage.

### **Clothing/Dress**

Students should wear comfortable clothing that allows for easy movement around the classroom. Dresses and skirts should be avoided. All students must wear closed-toe shoes. There should be no bare feet and no flip-flops.

## **Cell Phones**

Students are not permitted to use cell phones in camp, including during snack/lunch breaks.

## **Absence Policy**

Students should plan to attend the entire week of camp. If you know in advance that a student will be absent, please email [mplayhouse@gmail.com](mailto:mplayhouse@gmail.com) or call 704-846-8343. Because each class builds on skills and activities from the previous day, absences affect preparation for the sharing on Friday and may affect a student's participation. There are no refunds or make-up sessions for missed classes.

## **Behavior**

We want camp to be a great experience for all campers. Misbehavior not only takes away from the experience of the camper misbehaving, but also impacts the other campers and teachers. It also limits the activities that we are able to do, with precious time spent correcting misbehavior. The procedure that staff will follow when dealing with misbehaviors:

- 1st occurrence: Verbal warning and discussion with camp director
- 2nd occurrence: Limiting of camp activities
- 3rd occurrence: Parent contact. Depending on the severity of the behavior, camper may be asked to leave camp for the day.
- Physical altercations or aggressive behaviors will immediately move to Parent Contact step and parent may be asked to pick up their child immediately. More than one physical altercation or aggressive behavior will lead to the suspension from camp activities, and no refund will be provided for missed day(s).