



DRAMA CLUB

CURRICULUM



Connect Drama Club offers kiddos (ages 6 - 19) a summer camp experience through an exciting social skills-based theatre program.

By incorporating drama skills with core concepts from Michelle Garcia Winner's social thinking and social emotional learning (SEL), Connect equips participants with a powerful combination of tools for social interaction.

DRAMA

Connect uses acting, directing, and playwriting to explore how our thoughts, actions and reactions can impact social situations. Theatre games such as improvisation and character expression/development, assist participants with building social skills concepts including: eye contact, listening, spontaneous language, conversations, empathy, accessing emotions, storytelling, spatial awareness, volume awareness, following given directions, situational behavior, and perspective.

Integrating drama with social skills can help participants in various ways:

- Drama is part of real life and prepares participants to deal with life's problems.
- Drama engages participants in creative problem-solving and decision making.
- Drama develops verbal and nonverbal communication.
- Drama can enhance participants' psychological well-being.
- Drama develops empathy and new perspectives.
- Drama builds cooperation and develops other social skills.

SOCIAL THINKING

Connect utilizes the following Michelle Garcia Winner concepts to help participants grow more mindful of the larger social learning process:

- Whole Body Listening
- Expected and Unexpected Behavior
- Body and Brain in the Group
- Group Plan
- Thinking With Our Eyes
- Thoughts and Feelings
- Flexible and Stuck Thinking
- Size of the Problem



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

Participants are guided toward acquiring and effectively applying the skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, setting and achieving positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions.

- Identifying Emotions
- Reading the Room
- Thinking of Others
- Mindfulness
- Introduction to Creative Thinking
- Collaboration/Working Together
- Friendship Making Skills

DON'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT!

CONTACT SHARON: SHARON@STGERARDHOUSE.ORG | 828-693-4223 X1010 OFFICE