**Oral Expressions**

**Communication and Dramatic Understanding**

**Mrs. Deanna Bessette**

Public speaking is an important tool used to help build self-confidence and practice essential life skills. Some of the topics to be discussed in this class are: How to properly introduce yourself, job interview tips, how to be comfortable speaking up in class, confidence in speaking to a group and more.

We will also be learning about basic elements of Theater Arts. Projects both group and individual will be an essential assessment tool for our class. Basic drama concepts to be covered include character development, improvisation, monologue, duo scenes, group skits and drama games.

**Required materials:**

1. Section in PJHS binder with paper and room for assignments and handouts
2. Pencil, pen and highlighter

**Classroom expectations:**

1. Respect yourself and others. Learning something new can be intimidating at first, so be supportive to other students and the teacher. Only positive comments are acceptable!
2. Try your best! We will be learning how to interact and speak in front of others, so participation is a must!

**Grading:**

1. Class Participation. Students are required to actively and positively participate in all class activities. Misbehavior and/or lack of participation will result in loss of points for the day.
2. Projects and Presentations. Each project will have specific guidelines for how to receive full credit. Full credit will be based upon content, preparedness, participation and following directions, not ability.
3. In Class Assignments such as bell work and drama games.
4. Homework. Students are expected to follow directions and turn in completed assignments on time when given. Full credit will not be given to late or incomplete assignments.

If you have any questions regarding Oral Expressions class, please feel free to contact me by email at bessette.deanna@cusd80.com or by phone 480 224-2484. Thank you and I look forward to a great semester of Oral Expressions at Payne Junior High!

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