GRADE SIX THEATRE CURRICULUM

Grade Level Focus

Theatre is Integral to Every Culture

How is theatre integral to our culture and other cultures?

How are our theatre traditions different from other cultures? How are they the same?

Developmental Stage:

Students in the sixth grade are entering or approaching Piaget's age of Formal Operations. They are beginning to have the ability to consider many possibilities for a given condition. They are able to deal with propositions that explain concrete facts. They have the ability to use planning to think ahead.

Most importantly, students at Piaget's final stage of cognitive development increase their ability to think abstractly.

Formal operational thinkers can recognize and identify a problem. They can state several alternative hypotheses, execute procedures to collect information about the problems to be studied, and test the hypotheses.

Practices we use in drama activities:

- Working cooperatively to mount a production
- Developing leadership skills
- Evaluating work of self and others
- Analyzing information and formulating opinions
- Communicating ideas and opinions