

Alexander Estes
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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Let me introduce myself. I am a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Design and Technology, and I am looking forward to this new school year as your child's teacher. I have previously worked in both theatre and film, recently having spent a summer designing the costumes for shows *Beauty and The Lonely Beast* as well as *The Jungle Book* at Tibbits Opera House, and having a few summers prior worked on the film *Last of The Grads* both as a member of the arts department as well as an extra in the film. I have a great passion for Film and Theatre and looks forward to sharing the skills and knowledge I have obtained with your children.

A fundamental means of having the class run smoothly so students can obtain as much knowledge as possible in the time frame of the class is to have procedures set in place. One of the procedures I have included is that at the start of the class when the students walk in they will find on the board a warm up question designed to get the students engaged and thinking about the days topic. These warm up questions will prime the students for a productive classroom environment. Another procedure in the classroom will be when need the class to quiet down and focus on me. I will raise my hand and say hold. In theatre hold is one of the most common directions given to actors during the rehearsal process and using this technique I will both get the students familiar with the concept for when they are in shows and it will serve as an effective attention grabber. A third procedure I have revolves around turning in class assignments. I have the class divided into groups and each group will designate one student to collect their papers to deliver to their class bin. This will cut down on how much class time is taken up by turning in papers so I can focus on delivering more information to your children.

When you have questions or wish to talk with me about your child, please feel free to email me at alexanderestes@outlook.com or to call me at the school.

I am looking forward to working with my new students this year. I am also looking forward to meeting you and working with you to help your child succeed.

Best Wishes,

Alexander Estes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander Estes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'A' and 'E'.