

Howdy families and new friends!

My name is Joe Starks and I will be your student's theater teacher this year! This is my second year teaching theater, and I'm so excited to get to know them and learn more about my returning students. I have been a mix of live entertainer, stage comedian, improv and sketch artist, Arizona Renaissance Festival street performer, mobile DJ, and online content creator. Performing arts and self expression has been an important aspect of my life since the early 90's and I'm excited to share this with young minds in an educational setting. I am also a parent of three wonderful children, two of which also attend Eduprize and have since pre-k.

My entire adult life has been geared towards human connection. My goal is that your student will come out of my class with a new perspective on their world and more ways to recognize the human condition within their community and express themselves in new ways. I believe in the best of all of us and absolutely cannot wait to get to work as we all learn and grow together!

Required supplies: Please note that the paper may seem kind of steep, however I will be needing to print out scripts throughout the semester. If you cannot provide them at the beginning of the semester, throughout the semester should be fine.

- 2 reams copy paper
- clorox or lysol cleaning wipes
- 2" Three ring binder
- 1 pack 3x5 notecards

Optional wishlist:

- 1 box #2 pencils
- 4 pack assorted dry erase markers (any colors)
- disused clothing and accessories for costuming (cleaned, please no undergarments)*
- Unwanted household items for stage props* (no knives, weapons, or fragile items)
 - old books
 - pots and pans
 - disused decorations
 - old toys
 - broken walkmans and headphones
 - old masks
 - etc

*any unneeded items donated to the school, will be dropped off at a charitable donation center