



Special Gifts Theatre, Inc.

Opening Doors to New Possibilities

Recruiting Students & Peer Mentors to join Special Gifts Theatre's Musical Theatre Program at Skokie School!

* Winnetka School District 36 *

Serving individuals with special needs & typically developing peer mentors ages ten and older.

Special Gifts Theatre (SGT), founded in 2000, is a one of a kind educational and therapeutic drama program. SGT uses the stage as a platform to develop social skills, increase self confidence and improve speech communication in children and youth with special needs.

Special Gifts Theatre's Musical Theatre Program at Skokie School will consist of classroom work, as well as rehearsal and performance experiences. Each student is paired with a peer mentor. The cast will have two performances complete with the magic of wireless microphones, costumes, sets and props. In addition, participating students and peer mentors will experience:

- Professional, trained staff
- Friendships that extend beyond the classroom
- Over 30 hours of educational and therapy-based drama programming
- Two major musical performances
- Adapted theatre training and experiences
- Opportunities to grow, develop, and achieve goals
- Increased self confidence
- Being accepted for who they are!

Benefits for Students:

Research has demonstrated that the creative arts, particularly drama and music have a profound, positive impact on individuals with special needs.

Specific outcomes include:

- Enhanced self esteem and self confidence
- Increased problem solving, listening and communication skills
- Improved cooperation and teamwork
- Improved social skills and friendships



Benefits for Peer Mentors:

Peer mentors develop friendships, understanding, and respect, thus raising a generation of peers who reach across the barriers of differences and create environments of acceptance! The use of peer mentors:

- Fosters inclusion
- Builds friendships that celebrate and honor creative differences
 - Develops new awareness about disabilities



2018-2019 Musical: The Little Mermaid Jr.
Classes will meet on Tuesdays or Wednesdays
September- March from 4:15-5:30
Skokie School~ 520 Glendale Ave., Winnetka

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