

## Why Teach Theatre In Our Schools

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Theatre is a science

Theatre is mathematical

Theatre is a foreign language

Theatre is history

Theatre is physical education

Theatre is language arts

Theatre is art

Theatre is business

Theatre is technology

Theatre is economics

Theatre is taught in schools

Not because one is expected to major in theatre

Not because one is expected to perform all through life,

Not so one can relax,

Not so one can have fun,

But

So one will recognize beauty,

So one will be sensitive,

So one will be closer to an infinite beyond this world,

So one will have more love,

More compassion,

More gentleness,

More good,

In short,

More life

Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living

Unless you know how to live?

That is why theatre is taught in our schools

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## There's No Data like Show Data

There's no data like show data like no data we know  
Everything about it is revealing, everything the research shows  
is how  
Drama gives the kids that happy feeling, when they are steal-  
ing that extra bow.

There's no magic like show magic, to raise scores that are low  
Even for a class that has the greatest need, research shows  
drama helps them read--  
Keep acting out those stories 'cause it's what they need, let's  
go on with the show!

There's no teaching like show teaching and stats say that it's so  
Getting kids engaged can be so thrilling, getting them to act, to  
sing, to dance  
Smiling as you watch the classroom filling, with students will-  
ing, to take a chance.

There's no students like show students, they smile when they  
are low  
Yesterday they said your kids would not get far, then drama  
taught them and there they are  
Teaching drama helped the kids to raise that bar, let's go on  
with the show!

Let's go on with the show!

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