

# An Out of the Box Christmas



Dear Pearl Student,

I am excited about this year's Musical Christmas production, *An Out of the Box Christmas*. The play truly lives up to its title with pirates, cheerleaders and cowboys. It is a Pearl favorite that is not only fun, but will remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

If you are a 4th, 5th or 6th grader you have the opportunity to try out for a speaking part. I have attached a short excerpt from the script and am asking you to memorize the lines if you are interested in a speaking part.

## Parts for Tryouts

**Mr. (Ms) Darby**-As the teacher, Mr. (Ms) Darby is faced with the dilemma that the wrong costumes have arrived for his/her play production. There is a big Broadway producer coming and he/she is under pressure to make this work. This person must be able to memorize many lines (many of which are longer) and also sing a solo. (There is also a major "Principal Strickland" part for someone who does not want to sing. This character is a little more "serious" as he/she is not as "flighty" as Ms Darby. If you want a major part, but do not want to sing and would like to play a little less dramatic part, I encourage you to still try out for this part, but go ahead and play her/him more "serious" and cut out things like the "dears".)

**Samantha/Gabe**—The students are trying to figure out a way to make the Christmas show work with the wrong costumes. Samantha and Gabe are just an excerpt representing the different students. Boys tryout for Gabe and Girls for Samantha.

Good Luck!  
Mrs. Moore

**All other Honor Class Sign Ups will be handed out at Back to School Night**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 4 5 6 (circle one)

I will memorize the lines for the following part and be ready for tryouts: (circle one)

Mr. (Ms) Darby

Gabe

Samantha

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Tryouts are scheduled for Friday, September 6th

Ms Darby      This is it! Dress rehearsal! Tonight this place will be packed with friends and family and – a genuine Broadway producer – not that I’m wanting to impress him; but everything must be perfect, as always. Break a leg everyone! Now Gabe...?

Gabe:            Yes, ma’am?

Ms. Darby      Gabe, you’re in charge of props. Is everything in order? You know how I like order!

Gabe:            I’m about to open the boxes now, Ms Darby.

Ms Darby      Good, good. I’m going to run and check on the lighting for the manger scene. Samantha, my dear, be a darling and have your stagehands bring in the costumes. The boxes finally arrived and I can’t wait to see them!

Samantha:      Yes, ma’am, of course, right away. (claps hands and calls offstage) Costumes! (Rory and Jill carry out several large boxes, Samantha is clumsy and trips on one, responds) Oops, I’m so sorry!

Ms Darby:      Oh, be careful Samantha-don’t really break a leg. You did order the ones I told you to, didn’t you, Samantha?

Samantha:      Yes, Ms Darby. I made a list and checked it twice!

Ms Darby      Perfect. It’s all going to be so spectacular! Now, I’ll be back in five to have a look at them. Gabe and Samantha, have at it!

Samantha      Yes, ma’am. Of course. Not to worry. Everything’s under control.

Samantha:      (drops papers) what am I saying? Everything’s out of control!

Gabe:            What are we gonna do?!?

Samantha:      People won’t understand the Christmas story if we don’t have the right costumes... will they?

Gabe:            (Pauses to think) Hey, I got it! I think I found the answer... Rory get the wise men ready to go! Now keep an open mind, let’s put a fresh twist on it. Give us our cue!

Samantha:      (into headset) Wise men?!? But wait! Not yet! Everyone knows the wise men aren’t first in the Christmas story!

Gabe:            We’re improvising here. Work with me. We just need to have the wise men following the star. That’s the important part. Trust me. You’re gonna love this!