

'NEWS' for TERM 3

Dear Kindergarten parents,

We are delighted to inform you that this term's focus for Speaking & Listening involves the students **learning the art of Public Speaking!** Each week the students will be learning the different elements required to speak confidently in front of a large group on a topic.

Each week we will focus on one skill that they will need to use in their speech presentation.

Week	Topic	Focus Skill in class
Week 2 (27/7-31/7)	What I did on the holidays	standing still
Week 3 (3/8- 7/8)	Free Choice	eye contact with audience
Week 4 (10/8-14/8)	Impromptu - no preparation needed	palm cards - use of, holding correctly, numbering
Week 5 (17/8-21/8)	My favourite thing about school	expression/varying tone and volume of voice
Week 6 (24/8-28/8)	Free Choice	protocols of speech giving ie: timing, beginning and ending
Week 7 (31/8-4/9)	Individual Speeches. Students will be expected to do their speech on their news day.	-
Week 8 (7/9-11/9)	My favourite toy	-
Week 9 (14/9-18/9)	Free Choice	-
Week 10 (21/9-25/9)	The thing I enjoyed learning about the most this term was...	-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

This will culminate in the students giving a speech in front of their class. Two students will then be selected from each class to present their speeches in a virtual K-2 Assembly. The children will require your assistance to prepare, plan and write a speech that they will be giving in Week 7 (31st of August – 4th of September 2020). The children may choose **any** familiar topic they like... family, pets, holidays, ANYTHING...as long as it is familiar to them and they can speak about it **for 1 minute. They will be expected to come prepared to give their speech on their normal news day.**

Below are some general guidelines for helping your child prepare their speech:

- ✓ Choose an interesting topic or something they know a lot about!
- ✓ Assist your child to think of all the things that they know about the topic.
- ✓ Help organise these thoughts into a logical sequence.
- ✓ Your child's speech should have an introduction, further explanation (middle) about their chosen topic and a personal comment at the end about their topic.

DO NOT BEGIN THE SPEECH WITH "Today I am going to talk about..."

DO NOT END THE SPEECH WITH "Thank you for listening to me today."

- ✓ Help your child make small cardboard cards that fit into the palm of their hand. (Known as 'palm cards')
- ✓ Write simple sentences or pictures to help your child remember what they want to say. **Do not write the whole speech on the cards.**
- ✓ NUMBER THEM in order...little hands can accidentally drop them just as they stand in front of the class!
- ✓ Allow your child to practise presenting their speech to everyone and anyone who will listen ...even the cat or dog!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.