

Public Speaking Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

I am absolutely thrilled to be given the opportunity to teach speaking skills to your children. Having good oral communication skills is essential in the life of the believer for we are told to set an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. We have to have the ability to shape and articulate ideas. Basic communication skills can be used our whole lives whether it is from a pulpit, in a job, in a club or just in front of small group of friends and we must use these skills for the glory of God. As homeschoolers, it is often hard to find opportunities to practice speaking in front of others. So I hope to use this chance for the students to give speeches before their peers, in a safe and encouraging environment.

I'd like to further explain the syllabus. The students will have the opportunity to give speeches that have been memorized, that use note cards and that have limited preparation. On week 3 and 4 they are required to give an expository speech where they need to use a display board or a power point presentation to inform us of something. I will divide the class up so that one week four of them (group A) will have to give their speech while the other four (group B) will need to recite their memory verse and then the next week they flip flop. Also, on week 9 and 10 we will do the same format but start with group B giving their speeches and group A reciting their verses.

When they are to give an extemporaneous speech or an apologetics speech, I will give them categories from which their topics will be drawn from so they can study up a bit during the week. I will also give them a list of great speeches they can choose from to analyze such as the Gettysburg address. They will need to find three reasons why they are great speeches and give a speech on it.

Lastly, I want them to be able give a reason for the hope that lies within them, so they are required to share their testimony or explain how to share Christ with someone. I think this is the most important speech of all. Please contact me with any questions.

In His Service,

Kathy Morris

morris.6@sbcglobal.net