

Speech and Critical Thinking 2016 Fall Semester

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Course

Overview

The purpose of this class is to give the students a FUN and memorable introduction to speech and to instill invaluable life lessons. The first semester discussions will focus on Aesop Fables (AesopFables.com), the unique holidays found on Brownielocks.com, and the upcoming presidential elections.

GRADES

Students will be graded on following instructions- 40%; class participation- 25%; and oral- 25% and written presentations- 10%.



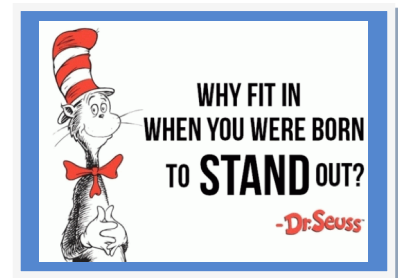
Welcome Students and Parents!

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
Winnie the Pooh

What you will need for class:

Supply List:

- ✓ Spiral notebook
- ✓ 3-prong folder with pockets
- ✓ 12 dividers
- ✓ Pencils



Syllabus

Fall 2016

Week 1 – 8/22

Introductions and ice-breaker game

What is speech?

10 Things I Like About Me

HOMEWORK: Bring your favorite pictures to decorate speech journal. You may also use photos from magazines or make your own drawings.

Week 7 – 10/10

Fire Prevention Week.

We will write and perform an in-class play on fire safety.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 2 – 8/29

28 Game

Writing your autobiography

Critical Thinking Exercises- Organizing Thinking.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week.

Week 8 – 10/17

Food Bank Week/Tackling Hunger Month.

Read Noah's Walk.

Discuss ways we can help people who are hungry.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 3 – 9/12

September 12-17 is line-dancing week. We will do Hokey Pokey line dance. Talk about the history of line dancing. They will do a demonstration and speech about their favorite dance.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Research International Chocolate Day. Write three reasons chocolate is good for you and three reasons chocolate is bad for you in your speech journal.

Week 9 – 10/24

Pizza Month and Vegetarian Month.

Taste test of vegetarian pizzas.

Kids vote on their favorite or choose not to participate.

Discuss how this all relates to the upcoming election for the President.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 4 – 9/19

Clean Hands Week and Talk Like a Pirate Day. Discuss holidays. Write and present a 1-minute speech on why washing hands is important. Speak in "pirate language" while presenting the speech. Students may also dress as pirates.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 10 – 10/31

Knock Knock Day. Discuss holiday. Tell our favorite Knock Knock joke. New jokes brainstorm.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Tell your parents about the jokes for the day and ask them to vote on their favorite. Choose your favorite book to share for next week's class.

Week 5 – 9/26

Celebrate National Shake Month.

Discuss the history of ice cream.

"Favorite Ice Cream" talk.

"Shake the Vote." Talk about ice-cream and the upcoming elections.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 11 – 11/7

Young Readers Week.

Discuss our favorite books and read selections.

Work on "Favorite Book" book report.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Finish book report if incomplete. Make a poster (may be poster board or construction paper) to accompany report.

Week 6 – 10/3

Mystery Series Week.

Hardy Boys Reading.

Summarize reading and thoughts on text.

Tell our favorite scary stories.

Aesop Fable- Reading, Key Word Hunt, Speech from KWH.

HOMEWORK: Bring in canned food for Food Bank Week if you have not already given.

Week 12 – 11/14

Family Stories Month.

Discuss our favorite family stories.

How can we help others without a family?

Favorite book presentation while having our class family feast.

Award for person who donated the most cans Food Bank Week/Tackling Hunger Month.