

Logos Elementary School – Speech Meet

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

1. Before and after the students say their piece they will introduce themselves ("Hello, my name is _____ and I will be reciting _____ by _____" .), state the title, and the author's name, if known. For the Bible category students should state the reference and translation. When they finish reciting their piece they will restate the title and author.
2. All presentations must be memorized (notes are not permitted).
3. Students may not present a selection they have done in a past Speech Meet.
4. Clothing should in no way be related to the selection, so as to be misconstrued as costuming. Costumes and/or props are not permitted in any of the categories.
5. Students should dress nicely and present their pieces formally and thoughtfully.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Picture-taking and/or camcorders are not permitted during student presentations.

CATEGORIES:

1. Poetry (grades 1 - 6)
2. Bible (grades 1 - 6) Scripture passages must come from one of the following translations:
KJV, NKJV, NAS, NIV
3. Fable & Folklore (grades 2 - 4)
4. Historic or Literary Oration (grades 5 - 6)

LENGTH OF PIECE: The length requirements below are provided to establish an approximate length. Some selections may have very short lines and therefore more would be required, other selections may have longer lines and in that case fewer would be required. These judgment calls will be made by the teacher on a case by case basis.

| | Poetry | Bible |
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| 1 st Grade | 10+ lines | 5+ verses |
| 2 nd Grade | 15+ lines | 8+ verses |
| 3 rd Grade | 15+ lines | 8+ verses |
| 4 th Grade | 20+ lines | 10+ verses |
| 5 th Grade | 25+ lines | 10+ verses |
| 6 th Grade | 30+ lines | 12+ verses |

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Poetry: Silly, crude, or trite poems are not what we are looking for. For this reason we discourage students from selecting poems of the Shel Silverstein variety.

Fable & Folklore: These pieces are to be unrhymed prose.

Historic or Literary Oration: This category is designed to include historic speeches and classical literary excerpts. Examples:

-*Give me Liberty or Give Me Death* by Patrick Henry
-Inaugural Address by Jefferson Davis, 1861
-Preamble to the Declaration of Independence
-*The Gettysburg Address*, Abraham Lincoln, 1863
-Farewell Address, Abraham Lincoln, 1861
-*We Shall Fight on the Beaches* by Churchill, 1940
-To V-E Day Crowds by Churchill, 1945

-Inaugural Address by John F. Kennedy, 1961
-Declaration of War on Germany by Woodrow Wilson, 1917
-*A Square Deal* by Theodore Roosevelt, 1903
-Preamble to *Apology* by Plato
-Opening lines of *A Tale of Two Cities* by Dickens
-Excerpts from *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, etc.

DEADLINES:

1. Information about Speech Meet is sent home. (2 months before meet) End of August
2. A copy of each student's piece is turned in to the teacher* (5 weeks before meet) September 17
3. Pieces must be memorized and presented for a grade. (2 weeks before meet) October 10
4. Students will be judged on delivery for a grade (1 week before meet) October 17
5. Speech Meet Competition October 24

*Students will be assigned a piece if they have not selected one by the deadline. No duplicates within a grade.

OTHER DETAILS FOR PARENTS:

- The in-school meet takes place in individual classrooms. Check your teacher's HAS for details.
- Blue and red ribbons will be distributed in the classrooms for superior and excellent performances respectively.
- The top superior from each double class and the top two from each single class will advance to the Inter-School Speech Meet. The Inter-School meet takes place about two weeks after the in-school meet and alternates in location between Logos and The Oaks (check the school calendar for details).