Presenting a Speech

**Pick a topic**
Select a book, story, piece of poetry, or write your own speech! Will your speech inspire or entertain? Will it make your audience really think, or make them laugh?

**Dress appropriately**
If there is a specific character or theme in your speech, try dressing the same way to provide a visual for the audience. If there isn’t a clear idea for a costume, wear something neat and professional to deliver your speech.

**Tips**
Memorizing your speech is ideal, but if you want to have the words with you, print your speech, and back it on plain black paper to make it look neat.

**Practice**
Practice movements and actions if they apply to your speech. Find interesting ways to captivate your audience. When you practice use a strong, loud voice, and pace yourself, so you don’t rush.

**Plant your feet**
Do not move around the space unless you are illustrating a part of your speech, or moving with purpose. Use your hands, expressions, and movements to help the audience visualize your speech.

**Speak clearly, and with confidence.**
We want to hear what you’re saying! Speak slowly, and clearly. Make sure that your speech fits into the time allotted.