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# Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Delucchi's Class

## Public Speaking Tips

## TUSD App

We are finishing up our planet travel brochures and will next be presenting them to the class in the form of a commercial. We will write the commercial in class, but students will need to practice the commercial at home. Below are some tips to keep in mind when practicing and preparing for the speech.

1. Practice out loud! Share your speech at home with a parent, sibling, friend, pet, anyone...just be sure to practice many times!
2. Avoid saying, "Um, er, ahh." Instead, take a breath or pause before speaking again.
3. Body Language...practice at home so you aren't fidgety when presenting in class. Don't lean on furniture and try to be aware of a nervous twitch, hair twirl, etc.
4. Timing...be sure to S L O W D O W N! We have a tendency to talk fast when we're nervous. Practice saying your speech very slowly.
5. Make eye contact! It is important to look at the people you are presenting too. Practice this when preparing at home.
6. Smile!!! It will put you at ease as well as your audience.

Did you know Tracy Unified School District has an app? It went live in late January and is free to download in the App Store for Apple devices and the Google Play Store for Android devices. Just search for "Tracy Unified School District."

The app will give you access to Aeries for checking grades and attendance, add money to your child's lunch account, lunch menus, scholarships, facility rentals and more! Check it out and download today!



Public Speaking Tips Continued from Column 1:

7. Use index cards. Now, don't write the entire speech out because we don't want to watch you read your cards. Just jot down key points you want to make sure you cover in your speech.
8. Expect the unexpected. It is ok to pause and recollect thoughts if you get off track. Just take a deep breath and keep going.
9. Summarize and Restate...be sure to leave us with a lasting impression of your amazing speech. What do you want us to remember most about your speech?
10. Use your imagination! We all get nervous when speaking to an audience. Be creative and hook us in with your introductory sentence. If all else fails, picture a funny image in your mind and just roll with it! You'll do great!



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## New AR Goal

Today we took the STAR reading assessment to reevaluate our AR goals. New goals will come home in the Blue Note Envelope on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. AR Goal #5 is due Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now!!!

Congratulations to the following AR Goal #4 Point Reachers:

Lauren, Evan, Brian, Mia, Ashely, Nick, Angel, Carlos and Jackie.

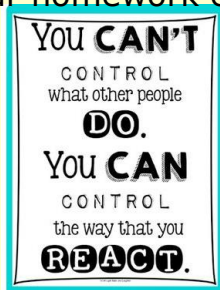
We are proud of you!!!

### NEWSLETTER HW:

Write a paragraph that describes what you worry about most when giving a speech in class. Then include suggestions about what you can do to help alleviate your worries. Be sure to have an introduction and conclusion sentence too.

## Reminders to Students

- Read 20 minutes every night.
- Get a good night's rest.
- Do your homework every night.



## Reminders to Parents

- Check and sign the agenda every night, including Fridays. **THANK YOU** to all families for purchasing them!
- Please return Newsletter HW and the blue note in the envelope on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- When emailing, please email both [tinabrown@tusd.net](mailto:tinabrown@tusd.net) and [jdelucchi@tusd.net](mailto:jdelucchi@tusd.net). Thank you!
- Students must have all supplies in class each day. Please replace when gone.

## Highlights

### Math:

We are solving equations using PEMDAS.

### Language Arts:

We are writing compare/contrast essays and paragraphs in preparation for the District Writing Sample in March.

### History:

We are describing what life was like during Colonial Williamsburg.

### Science:

We are comparing the size and distance of the planets in our solar system and are planning our Planet Commercials.

**Reading:** Check with your child's reading teacher to see what he/she is doing during reading rotation time.

## Upcoming Events

- 3/12: Happy Birthday Nick!
- 3/15: Yoyo Assembly
- 3/17: Spring Pictures
- 3/21: Field Trip to WMS
- 3/23: Happy Birthday Evan!
- 3/24: Student of the Month Assembly @ 1:30
- 3/28: Soul Shoppe Workshop
- 3/28: Happy Birthday Brian!
- 3/29: Happy Birthday Analondy!
- 4/14-24: Spring Break
- 4/27: AR Goal #5 Due
- 4/28: Recycle Day

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