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K-2 Public Speaking Competition

Dear Parents,

We are continuing our public speaking opportunities at Cambridge Gardens Public School for our Kindergarten and Stage 1 students. The emphasis of this public speaking competition is discovering and enjoying rhymes, poems and books.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be expected to participate in a class based competition and then students from each class will be selected to participate in a grade competition at the end of Term 2.

Kindergarten students will be learning a poem selected by their class teacher. A copy of this poem is attached to this sheet for practise at home. One student from each class will be selected to recite their poem at the K-2 public speaking assembly.

Year 1 students will need to select a poem of their choice that is between 8-20 lines in length, with parents' help in regards to suitability and length. Two students from each class will be selected to recite their poem at the K-2 public speaking assembly.

Year 2 students will select an excerpt from a book of 80 – 200 words. Two students from each Year 2 class will be selected to recite their book excerpt at the K-2 public speaking assembly.

Example:

"I'm a gum chewer, normally, but when I heard about these ticket things of Mr Wonka's. I gave up gum and started on chocolate bars in the hope of striking lucky. Now, of course, I'm back on gum. I just adore gum. I can't do without it. I munch it all day long except for a few minutes at mealtimes when I take it out and stick it behind my ear for safekeeping. To tell you the truth, I simply wouldn't feel comfortable if I didn't have the little wedge of gum to chew on every moment of the day, I really wouldn't. My mother says it's not ladylike and it looks ugly to see a



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girl's jaws going up and down like mine do all the time, but I don't agree. And who's she to criticize, anyway, because if you ask me, I'd say that her jaws are going up and down almost as much as mine are just from yelling at me every minute of the day" (Roald Dahl, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, p. 47-48, 1995)

The competition will proceed as follows:

Term 2, Week 2 – Kindergarten students are given their poem. Students in Year 1 will select a poem and students in Year 2 will select a book excerpt. All students will begin learning and practising their poems and excerpts at school and home. Children will be encouraged to present their poem or excerpt from memory.

Term 2, Week 6 and 7 – Class poetry and excerpt presentations. Teachers will inform students of the date they will present.

Term 2, Week 7 – Teachers will inform the students who will be presenting at the K-2 public speaking assembly.

Term 2, Tuesday Week 9 – Class finalists will present their poems and excerpts during our K-2 public speaking assembly in the Hall at 12.00pm. Guest judges will be invited to listen to the children. All finalists will receive a certificate and first place recipients in each grade will receive a medallion.

We are excited to be giving our K-2 students an opportunity to display their talents in public speaking and look forward to their presentations.

Yours sincerely,
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