



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

K-2 Speaking and Listening



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Speaking and Listening is an important component of the NSW English K-6 Syllabus. Students are required to rehearse and deliver short presentations on familiar and new topics. Following on from Term 2, this term, K-2 students will be participating in weekly Speaking and Listening activities that explicitly teach them how to construct a short presentation and deliver it with increasing confidence.

As part of their Homework, students will prepare weekly Topic Talks on a range of familiar topics. Students will present their Topic Talks each week to their classmates and teacher. Topic Talks should go for no longer than 2 minutes, with between 1 to 2 minutes being the recommended time. It is important for students to prepare their Topic Talks at home and prior to their timetabled presentation day.

Please find below a list of the weekly topics along with suggestions for what your child could include in their Topic Talk.

Week 3 To be presented in Week 4	Holidays Write a Recount about what you did during the Term 2 School Holidays. You can include what you did, where you went and who was there with you.
Week 4 To be presented in Week 5	The Best Pet Choose an animal that you believe would make the best pet. Create a persuasion to try and convince your class why this animal would make the best pet. Year 1/2 students be sure to include some high modality words such as, I strongly believe, I highly recommend, It definitely will make the best pet. Kindergarten students can talk about their own pet or choose an animal they would like to have as a pet.
Week 5 To be presented in Week 6	Young and Old Present a photo of yourself as a baby. Discuss how you have grown and changed. Compare similarities and differences of your features from when you were a baby to now. Ask your family some questions about how much you weighed when you were born and the things you liked to do as a baby. Consider the things you have learnt and enjoy doing now that you couldn't do as a baby. What other changes will you expect to experience as you continue to grow?
Week 6 To be presented in Week 7	Free Choice of Topic Show and Tell - bring in an item to show and talk about. Recount an event, outing or activity.
Week 7 To be presented in Week 8	Procedure Choose a simple activity such as making a paper plane, making jelly, making playdough or making breakfast and write a procedure including the steps and how to do the activity and share it with the class.
Week 8 To be presented in Week 9	Healthy Habits Choose your favourite fruit or vegetable and convince the class why it is the best. Think about its colour, flavour and other meals that can be made using this fruit or vegetable. Year 1/2 students be sure to include some high modality words such as, I strongly believe, I highly recommend, It definitely is the best fruit/vegetable.
Week 9 To be presented in Week 10	Happy Holidays If you could go anywhere during the holidays where would it be? What would you do there? Why do you want to go there? You might like to draw or print a picture of this place to share with the class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see your child's classroom teacher.

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