

City of Hercules Summer Camp

PPS 101 Building Public Speaking Confidence/ Age 6yrs -8yrs (1st to 3rd grade) June 8 - June 12 (9am-12pm)

This camp teaches first through third graders the beginning building blocks of public speaking. Starting with being ready, practiced and focused, they'll learn the importance of body language and varying the tempo and tone of their voice. They'll also learn the value of good openings and closes. Within the fun milieu of show and tell, storytelling and poetry recitals, the goal is for your child to start developing more confidence and skill in expressing themselves to a group.

PPS 102 Introduction to speech writing / Age 6 yrs - 8 yrs (1st to 3rd grade) August 3 - August 7 (9am-12pm)

This Level 2 class teaches young students how to write a good speech in six easy steps. They learn the importance of writing like they talk, making it personal and creating interesting openings and memorable finishes, and with topics like *My Favorite Animal* and our encouraging them to use props, stories, jokes and pictures, we make learning all of this easy and fun! Plus they also learn how to better structure their thoughts and express them with confidence, excellent preparation for our advanced courses and their regular curriculum.

CS401 Public Speaking and Debate Combo Level 1 / Age 10 yrs - 14 yrs (4th to 8th grade) June 8 - June 12 (1pm - 4 pm)

This camp is a combo course of Public Speaking with Confidence and Essentials of Debating. It is an excellent course to take, as it not only focuses on teaching delivery and presentation skills but also provides foundation of critical thinking and essentials of debating. Students learn how to manage public speaking anxiety, present themselves with confidence, and connect with their audience through effective body language. It improves their confidence in public speaking and communication skills. The students learn how to make strong arguments by providing reasoning and evidence instilling critical thinking. The participants debate on a variety of their age appropriate topics in various formats.

CS402 Public Speaking and Debate Combo Level 2 / Age 10 yrs - 14 yrs (4th to 8th grade) August 3 - August 7 (1pm - 4 pm)

This camp is a combo course of Advanced Public Speaking and Speech Writing and Debates. It is an excellent course to take, as it prepares students on both aspects of public speaking and debates: Writing effective speeches and presenting them persuasively. The aim for this class is to have each participant write a well-structured engaging speech. Kids at this age usually find it challenging to organize their many! ideas. This class focuses in helping participants give a clear structure to their thoughts. Students study how to write speeches on different kinds of topics and for different occasions. In debates, they use tools like flow, practice note taking. This course introduces various formats of the debates popular in high school. The participants debate on a variety of their age appropriate topics in various formats.