

Xilin Northwest Chinese School
Youth Communication and Confidence
Lesson Plan and Syllabus

Class Day / Time:	Sunday, 3:00 PM – 3:50 PM
Class Room:	125
Course Dates:	August 28th – December 18th, 2016
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Syllabus

Course Description

Understanding how to present oneself in public is a powerful skill. This course helps students improve their communication skills and develop their own natural confidence. Students will learn essential interpersonal skills and how to identify areas of challenge in an enjoyable way. Daniel Harbecke, who has taught children of all ages in several countries around the world, will teach this course.

Additional Course Information

Topics include personal encouragement, voice training, understanding of basic speech formats, skills to build confidence for addressing groups, basics of communication and interpersonal relation, stress and conflict management, techniques to improve speeches, presentations and one-on-one dialogue.

Objectives

Course focus will be in two areas: building confidence and improving presentation and dialogue skills.

Goals

- 1) To give self-reliance in addressing groups and delivering effective speeches.
- 2) To understand speech formats.
- 3) To offer strategies and techniques for public presentation and interpersonal relations.
- 4) To provide students with background necessary to analyze and understand media forms and effective communication.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Make use of performance techniques.
- Identify the basic formats of speeches.
- Increase voice potential and speaking skills.
- Identify personal skills and areas for improvement.
- Reinforce the need for excellence in personal expression.
- Understand basic principles of communication.
- Memorize and recite favorite poetry.
- Make use of improved skills in their future homework assignments.
- Learn how to enjoy public presentation.

Staying on Schedule

Please consult the schedule and review the material in the order prescribed. It is important to review missed material because subsequent modules build on information from those preceding.

Required Materials

- ½" or 1" 3-ring binder for notes, homework, writing and assignments
- Notebook paper (approximately 20 sheets)
- Pencils and erasers

Lesson Plan	
Class 1 – August 28th	The Basics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Voice training/recording 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Overview • Assignment: Poison Twinkie!
No Class – September 4th	No Class
Class 2 – September 11th	Setting Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication skills • Speech Review: “I Have a Dream” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Speech Assignment – Cards
Class 3 – September 18th	Partnership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I Have a Dream” Review – Partner Assignment • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Speech Recitation
Class 4 – September 25th	Performance Practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech practice – memorization techniques • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Speech Memorization
Class 5 – October 2nd	Listening Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to performance techniques • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I Have a Dream” Performance & Review • Assignment: Talking Stick Items
Class 6 – October 9th	Listening Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to interpersonal skills –Talking Stick Items • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Talking Stick Instructions
Class 7 – October 16th	Listening and Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening basics – Talking Stick Exercise • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Interview Questions
Class 8 – October 23rd	Introduction to Conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening basics – Interview Sessions • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Interview Write Up
Class 9 – October 30th	Introduction to Conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview Review – Intro to Interpersonal Conflict • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Interpersonal Conflict Types
Class 10 – November 6th	Introduction to Conflict
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Examples Review – Conflict in Focus • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm review • Assignment: Attack-Tics Practice 1
Class 11 – November 13th	Midterm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Attack-Tics Practice 2
Class 12 – November 20th	Confidence Building
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Review – Conflict Strategy Practice • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Poetry Research
Class 13 – November 27th	Poetry Basics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry Reading • Class review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Poetry Memorization
Class 14 – December 4th	Poetry Wrap-Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry Performance • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Poetry Performance
Class 15 – December 11th	Persuasion and Relation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impromptu speech • Voice practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment review • Assignment: Improv Techniques
Class 16 – December 18th	Class Wrap-Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improv Techniques review • Presentation of certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit interviews • Assignment: Have a great holiday! Ho ho ho!