北維州實驗中文學校

Northern Virginia Experimental Chinese School

2015 Fall Semester Speech Contest Rules

Objective: To promote Chinese speaking and reading abilities among students

Participants: All students in Experimental Chinese School

Categories: K1-K3 Classes: Nursery Rhyme Recitation Contest
E1 to H2 Classes: Speech Contest

Contest Time: December 13th, 2015 E3 to H2 Classes 2:10pm
K1 to E2 Classes 3:10pm
Contest Make-up Date: December 6, 2015

Contest Rules:

1. Time limit:
   - K-Level classes: No specified time limit and no penalty; suggested less than two minutes
   - E1 to E6 classes: one to two minutes, with 1 point deduction per 10 seconds above or below the time frame
   - M1 to H2 classes: two to three minutes, with 1 point deduction per 10 seconds above or below the time frame

2. Students may choose own material.

3. The orders of the student appearances will be drawn in class 3 weeks prior to the contest.

4. Students will be evaluated by a judge group formed by three parents from other classes. Student(s) rated top 25% of the class will receive "Excellent" rating and student(s) rated the highest will receive "Superior" rating and represent the class at speech demonstration.

5. Rating Criteria:
   - **25% - Voice and Articulation**: pronunciation, voice clarity, and control of volume
   - **25% - Appropriateness of Dramatization**: language fluency, conveyance of the idea and emotion of the material
   - **20% - Content:** Level of difficulty, age appropriateness and choice of words
   - **20% - Physical Presence**: posture, use of eye contact, and body language
   - **10% - Control of Time**

6. Speech demonstration/WMACS Speech Contest School Representative Selection:
   January 10th in the Cafeteria
   - K1 to K3 Classes 2:10 – 2:30
   - E1 to E3 Classes 2:30 – 3:00
   - E4 to E6 Classes 3:00 – 3:30
   - M1 to H2 Classes 3:30 – 4:00

7. Awards: Participants in all K classes will receive a participation award.
   Students with "Superior" and "Excellent" ratings will receive a certificate of recognition.