**Impromptu Speaking Activity**

As a class, we will view 3 short videos. Answer the following questions. You may need more space, so please write the answers in your notebook.

**Video 1**

1. Why is impromptu speaking important to learn? Give some examples of times when you may need to speak in an impromptu way. Please use some examples from the video, and some examples that you think of on your own.
2. What does PREP stand for?
3. What is another way to organize an impromptu speech?

**Videos 2 and 3**

1. What were some things that you liked about:

Video 2:

Video 3:

Why did you like these things?

1. What were some things that you did NOT like about:

Video 2:

Video 3:

Why didn’t you like these things?

1. Do you think these speeches were effective? Were you persuaded? Why or why not?

**Pick a topic**

Please write down ONE short (one sentence or less) idea for a topic for an extemporaneous speech on an index card. Please note that you will NOT be speaking on this topic. You may choose from the list below or make up your own idea.

**Impromptu Speaking – Possible Topics**

* You are an ant. Convince an anteater to not eat you.
* Explain three different ways to eat an Oreo cookie.
* Tell us about a nickname you have and how you got it.
* Convince us to vote for you as president of the USA.
* Explain three uses for a pencil besides for writing.
* Tell us about your summer plans.
* Convince us that homework is harmful to your health.
* Tell us about your favorite pet and why it should win the Greatest Pet Ever award.
* If you were an animal, what would you be?
* You are a salesperson trying to sell us the shirt you have on.
* Explain how a smart person might not be wise.
* Tell us about the hardest thing you have ever done.
* You are a mad scientist. Tell us about your latest invention.
* You are a famous sports player. Describe your best moment of a game.
* You are a famous rock star. Explain what the lyrics of your latest hit song mean.
* Tell us about the best job.
* Explain the benefits of drinking milk.
* Tell us how to become a millionaire.
* Tell us about the best dream you've ever had.
* Create a myth that explains why pelicans have large beaks.
* Tell us how to make a new friend.
* Tell us about your favorite holiday.
* Tell us how to make your favorite meal.
* Explain which came first: the chicken or the egg.
* Explain the rules to your favorite game.
* If everything in the world had to change to the same color, what color would you choose and why?
* Explain how you would use a hat to catch butterflies. Be sure to identify the type of hat that is required.
* You are a piece of paper. Describe how we should use you before you get recycled.
* Explain how to make a pizza.
* Explain four uses for a drinking glass other than for holding a liquid.
* Describe how you would modify a snail so it can go faster.
* Explain the best way to teach an old dog a new trick.
* Describe the life cycle of a frog or butterfly.