

June 30, 2017

Dear First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Families,

Summertime is never too early to start thinking about Good Morning Show presentations. To get your child off to a good start, the lower school teachers wanted to send out new guidelines and expectations for the Good Morning Show. We recognize that preparing a quality Good Morning Show entails much time and work. Therefore, the teachers have created a new approach to help support you, the students, and this premier program.

- **Good Morning Show preparation will be assigned as homework one night per week.** This will help your child break this assignment into manageable chunks, and should help your child from feeling overwhelmed. We understand they may need to work on it more than just once a week, but this will help with organizing and time management.
- **All grade levels will be holding presentation writing workshops in class** on at least a weekly basis to help your child stay on top of the work and to assist in sharing and brainstorming ideas. The workshops will be based on the GMS homework assigned that week.
- **All students will be required to hand in a draft of their presentation 5 school days prior to their chosen presentation date, and all revisions need to be handed in 2 school days prior to their assigned presentation date.** This includes note cards and all technology assisted aids such as slideshows, videos, and sound clips. Meeting these deadlines helps your child feel relaxed and prepared, and helps the show run smoothly the day of your child's presentation. **Students must meet these requirements in order to present on their assigned day.**
- **For 4th Grade Students:** In September all Adventurers will do a regular two to three minute Good Morning Show Presentation inspired by something students read in a book this summer. For the remainder of the year students will do more in-depth presentations that will require 2 time slots on the sign up calendar. More details to come during the school year on these presentations!
 - **Summer Book Presentation Details:** Allow a book you read to inspire further research into an interesting topic! This is not a presentation about a book you read or about an author. Instead you will be using a book as a launching off point for research on an engaging topic. Good readers are always thinking critically while they are reading, and this is a chance to show your thoughts.
 - **For example,** if I read *Harry Potter* I might want to learn more about:

- other philosopher's stone legends
- Latin words that appear in the book
- Mythological characters and creatures
- The international success of the books
- Other books about orphans

The sky is the limit; be creative and focus in on something specific.

- **All students must bring the book and research on your specific topic on the first day of school.** You should have information from at least 3-5 sources, and at least one must be a non-internet source.
 - **The actual presentation will be assembled during the first week of school.** This will allow students go get accustomed to the GMS homework that we will have for the remainder of the year.
- **5th grade summer GOOD MORNING SHOW:** In September, all Trailblazers, with the exception of new Academy Hill students, are going to be doing their last traditional Good Morning Show presentation. This presentation will be two to three minutes long and should be the **ultimate example of what a Good Morning Show presentation should be.**
 - It should include in-depth learning, great creativity, and fantastic personal affect.
 - This presentation will be about **something you did or saw this summer.** Take pictures, collect brochures and maps, and read signs as you travel this summer so you have lots of information to use when you assemble your presentation **in class the first week.**
 - **Students are required to bring in photos, brochures, information gathered, and any work done on the presentation in the summer on the first day of school. Time will be devoted to working on this presentation in classroom workshops during the first week of school so it is not expected that the presentation is completed before school begins.** This will allow students to learn and practice the GMS homework that will be sent home for the remainder of the year.
 - Students' second presentation in term one will be a Forum-style presentation as will their remaining presentations for the year; these will all require two slots on the sign-up calendar. More information about the Forum-style presentations will be sent home in the Fall.

- While more specific grade level expectations will be explained by your child's homeroom teacher in the fall, the number of presentations required per grade level are listed below:

Grade Level	Total #	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Kindergarten	3	1	1	1
Grade 1	3	1	1	1
Grade 2	4	1	1	2
Grade 3	6	2	2	2
Grade 4	4	1	1	2
Grade 5	5	2	2	1

Scheduling GMS Presentations

- **Please sign up for all presentations by September 30th.**
- You may call or stop by the school to schedule the dates for your child's presentations starting on **August 16th**.
- If you will have **more than one child presenting in the lower school**, and you would like to schedule them to present on the same day, you may begin to call or stop by for scheduling two days earlier, **starting on August 14th**.
- The presentation slots at the beginning of the year, **between the dates of September 8th through September 27th, are reserved for fourth and fifth grade presentations.** The lower school teachers are counting on the fourth and fifth graders to write creative, informative, and fascinating presentations to help show the younger students what a terrific Good Morning Show presentation looks like.
- There will be a paper calendar at the front desk for sign up from August 14th - September 30th. Then a Google calendar will be posted on the website for you to view.

Thank you,

The Lower School Teachers