**ELA: Week 3 Speaking to an Audience**

**Effective speakers keep the needs of their audience members in mind when presenting a project. Before you choose a topic to research and present, you will want to be sure to follow these important tips:**

1. **Choose a topic your audience will be interested in.**
2. **Stand up straight, look at your audience while speaking and use a voice loud enough for everyone to hear.**
3. **Notice if your audience is confused and stop to give more information.**
4. **Speak in a natural way that shows your enthusiasm.**

**Now, let’s get planning! Take your time and focus on the details.**

1. **Decide on a topic to present to a family member or to the entire family. It may be your favourite animal, game, hobby, type of dance, sport, book or place you would like to visit.**
2. **Take the time to research and record (on looseleaf or tablet) the main points you would like to include in your presentation.**
3. **Then, practice what you’d like to say in your room or quiet spot until you have it down pat and can speak naturally about your topic. Use photos or drawings for visual cues to keep you on track as you present your information. Remember, projects take a bit of planning so take your time gathering your information and preparing your photos or drawings.**
4. **When you have gathered all of your information and photos, practice present in a mirror or even to your stuffed animals or action figures in your bedroom.**
5. **When you are ready, call your audience together. Make sure everyone is comfortable and ready to listen, Begin by introducing your topic and why you chose it. Include interesting facts and photos that will help keep the attention of your listeners. Finish by giving a closing statement on your topic that gives your opinion or states why it is important to you. You may wish to have a family member video your presentation for you to watch and share later.**
6. **Congratulations! Give yourself a treat for a job well done by doing an activity you enjoy! Way to go!**