

Spring Break Homework (April 8th – April 15th)

For Spring Break homework each child at Carnegie School is REQUIRED to recite a published poem.

You can select a poem found below or pick a poem of your own choice (if it's published). Your child should memorize the poem and use the rubric below to work towards earning one of 2 spots to represent room 112 in the K-2 Carnegie Oratorical Competition. The Class Competition will take place, Friday, April 22nd.

Good Luck!

Oratorical Rubric

Topics	3	2	1	0
Fluency	The speaker speaks smoothly without any mistakes.	The speaker speaks smoothly with a few mistakes.	The speaker sounds choppy.	The speaker says nothing.
Noise Level	Loud and Proud	Loud	Mumbling	Say nothing.
Annunciate	The speakers speaks clearly and pronounces each word.	The speaker speaks clearly with a few mistakes.	The speaker does not speak clearly.	The speaker does not speak at all.
Enthusiasm	The speaker speaks with emotion.	The speaks with a little emotion.	The speaker shows no emotions.	The speaker does not speak.
Total Points				

Sample Published Poems:

AIM HIGH TO THE SKY BY JAMES MCDONALD

Aim high to the sky,
In all that you do.
Because you just never know,
What it takes to be you.

Be strong and be brave,
But at the same time be kind.
And always be sure,
That you're using your mind.

I Am the Black Child

By Mychal Wynn

I am special, ridicule cannot sway me
I am strong, obstacles cannot stop me
I hold my head high, proudly proclaiming my uniqueness
I hold my pace, continuing forward through adversity
I am proud of my heritage
I am confident that I can achieve my every goal.
I am becoming all that I can be
I am the Black Child, I am a Child of God

Hey Black Child by Countee Cullen

Hey black child
Do you know who you are
Who you really are
Do you know you can be
What you want to be
If you try to be
What you can be

Hey black child
Do you know where you are going
Where your really going
Do you know you can learn
What you want to learn
If you try to learn
What you can learn

Hey black child
Do you know you are strong
I mean really strong
Do you know you can do
What you want to do
If you try to do
What you can do

Hey Black Child....
Be what you can be
Learn what you must learn
Do what you can do
And tomorrow your nation
Will be what you want it to be

Tell Me by Shel Silverstein

Tell me I'm clever,
Tell me I'm kind,
Tell me I'm talented,
Tell me I'm cute,
Tell me I'm sensitive,
Graceful and wise,
Tell me I'm perfect-
But tell me the truth.

THE WIND BY CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you;
But when the leaves hang trembling
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I;
But when the trees bow down their heads
The wind is passing by.

