



STEM AND DEBATE CURRICULUM

Session Plan Overview



Day	Theme Brief	Activities	Daily Outcome
1	<p>Find Your Voice</p> <p>Before kids can speak to the world, they need to know who they are as communicators. This day is about self-discovery, breaking the ice, and taking that first brave step in front of a camera and a crowd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Style Quiz (Storyteller / Challenger / Connector / Visionary) "30 Seconds of Brave" — first-ever on-camera self-introduction Fear Wall & Cheer Wall — flip your biggest speaking fear into a goal "One Word" group improve game Mirror Exercise — express emotions without words 	Kids leave knowing their communication personality and have already spoken on camera once. Personal goal for Day 8 is locked in.
2	<p>Once Upon a Stage</p> <p>Every great leader, movement, and brand runs on a story. This day teaches kids that storytelling isn't just for books — it's the engine behind every speech, pitch, and presentation that ever moved a crowd.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Story Spine — 6-part narrative arc framework "Worst Day Ever" Speech — turn a real embarrassing moment into a gripping 90-sec story Story Remix — transform a boring headline into a human story 6-Word Story Challenge (Hemingway-inspired) Hero's Journey Mapping — kids deliver their own 1-min origin speech 	Every child delivers a personal story speech on camera. They leave with a simple, repeatable storytelling structure they can use anywhere.
3	<p>Your Body is Speaking</p> <p>55% of communication is non-verbal. Before a word is spoken, the body has already made a first impression. This day teaches kids to walk, stand, and gesture like someone worth listening to.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous speeches watched on MUTE — decode body language only Power Pose Lab — posture experiments that build confidence from the outside in Eye Contact Bingo — a game that makes sustained eye contact feel natural Silent Commercial — sell a product using only gestures & expressions Stage Zones Workshop — own the space, not just the mic 	Kids re-record their Day 1 intro and visibly see their own transformation. They can now use their body as a deliberate communication tool.
4	<p>Think Fast, Speak Smart</p> <p>Real life doesn't hand out scripts. Class presentations, interviews, and first impressions happen in the moment. This high-energy day trains kids to think on their feet with structure, speed, and wit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Spin the Bottle of Topics" — 60-sec impromptu speeches on random topics PREP Formula workshop (Point → Reason → Example → Point) The Hot Seat — audience fires questions for 2 minutes, kid must respond confidently Comedy Writer's Room — craft 3 clever one-liners (wit = intelligence in disguise) "Yes, And..." improv game Lightning Round Tournament — fastest PREP response wins 	Kids have a go-to 4-part structure for any unexpected speaking moment. Crowned "Quick Thinkers" add healthy competition. Confidence visibly spikes.
5	<p>MoonTank Jr.</p> <p>The pitch is the most powerful short speech in the world. This day teaches kids the psychology of persuasion — how to hook, hold, and convert any audience, whether it's a classroom, a parent, or a boardroom someday.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy of a Pitch — break down iconic Shark Tank wins and flops "Sell Me This Pen" — pitch random objects and handle live objections Emotional vs. Logical Persuasion workshop — practice both styles Mini Shark Tank — kids pitch an original invention to a live panel of "Sharks" (instructors + peers) with Q&A 	Every kid pitches a real idea in front of a live panel. They receive structured feedback and learn what makes people say YES — the foundation of all persuasion.
6	<p>Your 3 Minutes Could Change the World</p> <p>TED Talks are the gold standard of modern communication — ideas delivered with clarity, passion, and purpose. This day every child becomes a TED speaker, finding their unique "idea worth spreading" and building a talk from scratch.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze 2 kid-friendly TED/TEDx talks — what made them unforgettable? Topic Mining — each kid finds the ONE thing they know more about than most peers TED Talk Architecture — Hook → Core Idea → Memorable Ending Rehearsal Studio — peer feedback pairs Visual Aid Design — one powerful slide or prop "TED Preview Night" — deliver just the hook to the group; audience votes on which hooks made them lean forward 	Every kid pitches a real idea in front of a live panel. They receive structured feedback and learn what makes people say YES — the foundation of all persuasion.
7	<p>World Leaders Summit</p> <p>The most powerful communicators in history weren't just great talkers — they were masterful listeners, negotiators, and bridge-builders. This simulation-based day teaches kids that real leadership is about bringing people together, not just winning arguments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening Lab — games that train active listening vs. passive hearing "Win-Win" Negotiation — pairs with opposing goals must find a creative solution that satisfies both sides World Leaders Role Play — each child becomes a world leader negotiating a fictional global issue ("Who owns the moon?") The Mediator Challenge — one student guides a group conflict to resolution using diplomatic language only Empathy Map — understand how your opponent thinks before you speak 	Kids walk away with negotiation language, diplomatic vocabulary, and the ability to see both sides of any conversation — a skill that sets them apart in classrooms and life.
8	<p>The Spotlight is Yours</p> <p>Everything built over 7 days — confidence, storytelling, presence, pitch, and purpose — comes together in one final live performance in front of family. This is not a classroom exercise. This is a real stage, a real audience, and a real moment kids will remember for years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Rehearsal Studio — coaches deliver last-minute polish on delivery, body language, and opening hook "My Biggest Takeaway" Lightning Round — every camper speaks 60 seconds on the one skill they'll carry forever ★ Grand Showcase — each camper delivers their 3-minute Mini TED Talk to parents & guests Graduation Ceremony — certificates, week highlight reel, peer awards (Most Improved, Funniest Speaker, Most Surprising Story) "What's Next" Moment — live walkthrough of the 6-month program with parents in the room 	Campers graduate with a performed TED Talk on record, a certificate, and a fierce appetite for the next level. Parents witness the transformation live — the most powerful upsell moment of the program.