

DISCOVERY QUEST & CURRENT EVENTS

Discovery Quest is an oral question-of-the-month activity that allows students to learn public speaking skills and independent research skills. Students should prepare to participate once a month. Each student is assigned a student number at the beginning of the year. Your child's student number corresponds with the order in which they will present each month. The schedule may need modification according to holidays and other school events. The following is a general guideline:

First week of the month – *Student Numbers 1-6*
Second week of the month – *Student Numbers 7-12*
Third week of the month – *Student Numbers 13-18*
Fourth week of the month – *Students Numbers 19-24*

My student number is: _____

Turn over to find a list of “quests” or research topics for this first trimester. Each student should use books, magazines, reference books, family member interviews, or research tools such as the Internet to learn about the topic. If a student would like to give a presentation on a Current Event instead of a Discovery Quest, students may use a newspaper or the Internet to research an event that is currently happening in our world.

Students will present to the class in order to receive a speaking score. Acceptable participation means that they DO NOT read their information, but they TELL us what they have learned. Students may use note cards, notes, bring pictures, posters they've made, or visual aid items. Students may, bring a video clip (no full movies, please) or other creative way to share their learning with the class. This activity should be a fun way to study something that is interesting to the student. Look at the attached list of Discovery Quest topics for this trimester. Select the most interesting to study. If some are not of interest, plan to present on a Current Event.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs. Lundquist

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DISCOVER QUEST TOPICS

Note: Students always have the option of telling us about a news item of current interest instead of one of the DQ topics.

DISCOVERY QUEST SPEECH - OCTOBER TOPICS

1. Discover your special “places to love,” and tell us why you love being there.
You might share something you have that reminds you of that place.
2. Discover a career that interests you that requires science, math, or both. Tell us about it.
3. It is not too early to begin thinking of which college you would like to attend. Tell us about 3 different colleges or universities and what you could study there, then tell us why going to school there interests you.
4. Next month we will honor our veterans on “Veteran’s Day.” What is a veteran? Learn about it, and then tell the class about a veteran you know and her or her contributions to our country.

DISCOVERY QUEST SPEECH - NOVEMBER TOPICS

1. Discover how to prevent or reduce crime in Palatine.
2. Discover a famous Illinoisan, past or present. Tell us about him/her, his/her life, and why he/she became famous.
3. Discover how memories are preserved, past or present. What does your family do to preserve special memories?
4. Discover natural disasters. Think of some ideas for how much of the damage might be avoided or lessened.

DISCOVERY QUEST SPEECH - DECEMBER TOPICS

1. Discover the law of supply and demand. How does it affect the cost of your holiday gifts?
2. What holiday traditions does your family have that come from other countries or cultures? Tell or show us about it.
3. Tell us how you help others through donating, volunteering and doing community service.