Speech for Every Classroom

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Step 1: Decide what subject you’d like to share and narrow your focus.
Step 2: Decide your method of presentation.
  - Dramatic storytelling
  - Create a song or rap (think Hamilton)
  - Write a scene
  - Create a video
  - Present an infomercial or documentary-style scene
  - Create a movement or dance piece
  - Use a game to demonstrate concepts
  - If students are struggling, suggest students approach the topic as if they were trying to teach the concept to a group of elementary school students.

Step 3: Execute the plan.
Step 4: Present the creation.
  - Invite other teachers.
  - Perform for other classes.

IDEAS:

Social Studies
  - Choral Reading/Readers Theatre
    - Have the students perform a choral reading or readers theatre using the Bill of Rights or possibly the Preamble of the Constitution.
  - Mock Trial and Debates
    - Students can research a specific moment in history. Take a stance on an issue.
  - Scene Work
    - Have students create a scene to show the different causes of the American Revolution.

Science
  - Scene Work
    - Have students perform a scene demonstrating their understanding of scientific terms.
  - PSA
    - Have students create a PSA explaining global warming and ways we can help the environment.

Math
  - Theatre Game Play (Mingle-Make-A)
    - Play the game Mingle and have students create the geometric shapes and the angles with their bodies.
  - Instructional Video or Speech
    - Have students create an instructional video, explaining how to solve a math problem. They will need to verbalize how to solve the problem.

Language Arts
  - Scene Work
    - Dramatize portions of books (add costumes and props).
  - Monologue Work
    - Pick a character from a book, write a monologue from the character’s perspective.
    - Have the students perform one of their writing pieces as an acting piece, literary program, etc.

Resource: