

# Tips for the Morning News

*Tips borrowed from Poplar Elementary School*

## **Reading**

- \* Once you have a script, read through it a few times to get familiar with it.
- \* Then practice, practice, practice.

## **Speaking**

- \* **Pronunciation:** To warm up your tongue, roll it around different ways inside your mouth. Try pronouncing tricky words slowly at first, then speed up as you get more comfortable.
  - *Enunciate & Articulate:* pronounce words in distinct syllables
- \* **Phonetics:** For names and words you have difficulty with, use sound-spelling to write in your pronunciation on the script.
- \* **Punctuation:** Use it! Pause at commas and periods.
- \* **Pausing:** Remember to slow down between news segments. Draw a pause line to break up your script.
- \* **Wording:** If you are having trouble with the phrasing in a script, ask Mrs. Wobbema to help re-write it in a way it can be more easily read.
- \* **Slow Down:** Remember your audience. There are very young students who need you to speak slowly so they can understand.
- \* **The end of sentences:** Make sure the last words of sentences don't go into quiet-volume mode. Really put a punch into them. If you need a reminder, underline words that you need to add extra energy to.

## **Posture**

- \* Feet planted firmly on the floor (no crossing your legs).
- \* Arms spread in front of you, resting on the table.
- \* Back straight and shoulders back.
- \* Head up.

## **Make a Mistake?**

- \* Don't worry. Just say, "Excuse me," or "Pardon me," and continue.

## **Other Tips**

- \* Practice speaking in front of a mirror. Make sure you are looking up from the script every once in a while.