

101 Ideas for Morning Announcements

- Ask specific teachers, especially those with secondary students, to take charge for one week and send a representative to the studio for a special presentation each day or a couple days a week or once a week. For example, a teacher might send a student with a book. The student can say, “This is my favorite book because...” Another day, a student might say, “What I like best about school is...” Select students who can express themselves. “Yesterday I bought ___ at the snack shack.” “Today we will eat lunch at a picnic table.”... or wherever.
- Ask students to bring pictures of their pets and show them on the TV.
- Earlier in the week, talk about what a special Friday activity will be.
- Explain to all students in the studio who will sing the patriotic song or *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Everyone is to be very quiet.
- Feature a student artist and show his/her work.
- Feature students who have special talents like playing an instrument or sharing a special interest or hobby.
- Have a student or teacher show examples of sign language. Ask a student who signs to sign something. Talk about why you use sign language.
- Have a word of the day or a phrase for the week, like “stop and think.” Show a word card when saying the word or phrase.
- Interview a bus driver. Talk about bus safety.....just for a start.
- Interview a student the day after a field trip. For example, where did the chorus sing on Monday? What did they sing? Who was the audience? What is an audience?
- Interview someone who goes to work during the day. What do they do? Where do they go?
- Interview the cafeteria manager.
- Interview the custodian or cooks so students see who works behind the scenes.
- Interview the nurses. What do they use a stethoscope for and why is it important that certain individuals get their medicine at a certain time and in the correct amount?

- Interview the office staff. For example, have the secretary talk about what she does. Have her bring a prop along, like a computer mouse.
- Make a video or place the TV viewer on the school name and logo until the show starts.
- Meet a different staff member once a week. Ask the teacher to come to the studio and bring something to show from his/her class, maybe something the students do. Have your announcers ask the teacher a couple questions, like “What do you like best about working at our school?” or “Name a book that is your students’ favorite.”
- Meet the administrators. Some students may not know what an administrator does. Interview her....
- Play patriotic songs before the morning show starts and until live airtime.
- Present show and tell on a regular basis. Kids can show what they made in art class and much more.
- Put a sticker on the right hand of the announcers or mark their right hand with an X (if necessary) so they place that hand over their heart when reciting the pledge.
- Recognize all student and staff birthdays. Show a Happy Birthday sign or a picture of a cake.
- Role play with a student. Show the best way to handle a situation when someone gets angry or wants to fight.
- Show a clock on TV and say, school time is___.
- Show a tooth brush. Talk about brushing your teeth twice a day or after every meal if you can. Show how to brush and how to floss. Why do you floss? –To keep your gums healthy.
- sun block 20 minutes before going outdoors.
- Talk about an up-coming holiday or special day in school (like the marching band performance next Tuesday.).
- Talk about birds we see in the area or animals. Show pictures.
- Talk about fire: What to do in case of.... Stop, drop and roll.

- Talk about getting enough sleep. Discuss that you sleep in a bed, not a chair (unless it is a wheel chair). Talk about how many hours one needs. Use a teddy bear or night light as a prop.
- Talk about greeting a person with a smile. You might ask, "Who did you greet with a smile today?" or "Let me see your best smile?"
- Talk about healthy foods:
 - a. Compare fruits with junk food.
 - b. Remember to drink milk or water, or juice. Stay away from sodas because they are unhealthy for you.
 - c. Talk about keeping fit, how one must exercise each day along with eating healthy foods.
 - d. Talk about select healthy foods for snacks. Eat a piece of fruit instead of chips, etc.
- Talk about hobbies. What do you do in your free time away from school? Maybe you need a hobby. Suggest some and show...
- Talk about hygiene.
 - Show a fingernail brush. Use a small brush to clean your fingernails and toenails.
 - Show paper towels from the bathroom dispenser. Explain how important it is to wash hands after using the bathroom.
 - Take a bath or shower each day. Use a washcloth or a net mesh ball with soap to clean your entire body, and don't forget to clean behind your ears.
 - Use a clean towel to dry yourself, and then hang the towel up so that it will dry.
 - When you get to be an adolescent you will want to use deodorant each morning after you bathe. You don't want your body odor to be offensive to others.
- Talk about the food drive for the homeless. Show examples of individually wrapped food that would be a good choice for students and staff to bring to a certain location in the school.

- Talk about the Green Team, if your school has one. What is it? Who is on it? What do they do?
- Talk about the school theme for the month. For example, “Fall into learning....”
- Talk about the seasons. What season is it now? Fall.... How do we know it is fall? What are some foods you eat in the fall of the year?
- Talk about the weather. Have a sun hat to put on when the weather is sunny, or an umbrella when it is rainy. Hold up a bottle of sun block and advise students to put on
- Teach tolerance. For example, students talk about disabilities. What’s it all about to be in a wheel chair or to be fed from a tube?
- Tell announcers to sit up straight.
- Tell students to stand out of view of the camera when the patriotic song is being sung.
- Trick or Treating: Talk about being safe. Go with a partner or a parent or guardian. Show a flashlight and talk about bringing a flashlight. Only go to places where you know who lives there or go to a mall. Check all your candy before you eat it. Only eat candy that has been individually wrapped. Do not eat anything that is opened.