

# **Debate Club**

## **Spring Session Class Details**

### **Class Introduction**

Help your child become a confident thinker and communicator!

Our Debate Club introduces students to the art of persuasive speaking, critical thinking, and respectful argumentation. Through engaging debates, teamwork exercises, and structured practice, students learn to build strong cases, listen actively, and respond with logic. The program makes debate approachable and fun, while equipping children with skills in leadership, reasoning, and effective communication.

**In the spring session, students will continue their growth as we progress into Congressional Debate, giving them a deeper understanding of structured debate formats and advanced argumentation.**

### **Who is our teacher: Jennifer Zheng**

Ms. Jennifer is Everlove Academy's Public Speaking and Debate Program Director and an accomplished educator with deep expertise in communication and rhetoric. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Communication at the University of Washington and holds a Master's degree in Communication Studies from Illinois State University, along with dual Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Communication Studies from California State University, Fullerton.

Jennifer has coached students across major competitive formats—Limited Preparation Events, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Congressional Debate, and Model United Nations—helping them develop strong argumentation, critical thinking, and confident delivery. She brings research-driven pedagogy and dedicated leadership to Everlove's public speaking and debate programs.

**Who:** 3-5 graders

**When:** Wednesday 2:30-3:30pm, 2/18-5/20 (no class on 4/15), total is 13 classes (If school closes due to bad weather, we will have a make-up class after the last class)

**Show Case:** 5/20, 3:30-4:30pm (If school closes due to bad weather, the showcase will be moved to the last class date)

**Location:** School Portable room 159

**Class Size:** Min 5 / Max 15

**Material:** Teachers will provide all materials!

**Cost:** \$352(If we do not have enough volunteers and cannot open the class successfully, we will inform you and refund the full amount.)

**No Volunteer, No Club:** If no volunteer signs up at least 7 days before the class starts, we will announce that the class will not open and refund your tuition.

"We encourage each family sign in at least one spot volunteer if possible—volunteering is simple and flexible! You'll just help with sign-in and sign-out, and you're welcome to bring your laptop and work while you're there. Sign Up Here!

If you need financial support, please contact with school counselor,

Mrs. Muhlestein <[jmuhlestein@lwsd.org](mailto:jmuhlestein@lwsd.org)>

Sign up deadline: 2/10 9pm

Any question? email to [clubs@smithpts.org](mailto:clubs@smithpts.org)