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Public Speaking & Debate

Students build confidence sharing ideas, telling stories, and expressing opinions through short, age-appropriate speaking activities.

Build a Strong Foundation

Students practice sharing ideas clearly in a supportive setting.

Speaking with Purpose	Introduce themselves, share an experience, or explain a favorite topic using a clear main idea.
Organizing Ideas	Arrange a short talk with a beginning, middle, and ending so listeners can follow along.
Listening and Taking Turns	Listen closely, wait for a turn, and ask friendly questions that show interest in another speaker.

Share Opinions and Reasons

Students take their first steps in persuasion and respectful debate.

Stating an Opinion	Express a preference or point of view and explain it with a reason and a familiar example.
Considering Other Ideas	Explore different views on age-appropriate topics and understand that people can disagree respectfully.
Friendly Debate	Take turns sharing reasons, respond to a different idea, and focus on the topic rather than the person.

HOW STUDENTS LEARN

Classes combine simple examples, guided preparation, short talks, and supportive feedback. Topics and the level of challenge are adapted to student readiness and interests.

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Students explore how words, voice, and body language work together to make a message clear and engaging.

Make Your Message Memorable

Students use imagination and simple storytelling to engage listeners.

Inviting Openings and Endings	Start with an interesting question or detail and finish by returning to the main idea.
Descriptive Language	Choose vivid words and simple comparisons to help listeners picture a person, place, or experience.
Telling a Story	Share a real or imagined story with characters, events in order, and a clear ending.

Deliver with Confidence

Students build comfort speaking aloud through encouragement and practice.

Using the Voice	Practice speaking clearly, using an audible voice, and adjusting pace and expression to fit the message.
Body Language	Explore comfortable posture, natural gestures, and facial expressions that support what they say.
Connecting with Listeners	Look up from notes, notice the audience, and keep going with support when a word or idea is forgotten.

PROGRESS AND PRACTICE

Feedback focuses on clear ideas, audible speech, listening, and growing confidence. Families can encourage short practice talks and celebrate effort and progress.

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How to Support Your Student at Home

Invite a short, relaxed practice talk.

Ask your child to tell you about a favorite book, game, or experience. Be an encouraging audience and give them time to finish their thought.

Ask what they felt proud of.

Help your child notice a clear idea, an expressive voice, or the courage to speak. Recognizing small successes helps build confidence.

Read and tell stories together.

Take turns retelling a familiar story or making one up. Talk about the beginning, what happens next, and how the story ends.

Celebrate effort and offer one small suggestion.

Praise a specific effort, such as speaking clearly or trying again. Keep feedback gentle and focus on one manageable next step.

Practice friendly differences of opinion.

Discuss a playful question, such as which pet would be best for a story character. Take turns giving a reason, listening, and asking a kind question.