

## 14:1a Oral Reports

**Public speaking** is extremely important in the learning process. Although standing in front of the classroom or on stage with your classmates looking on can be scary, a lot of learning takes place.



- You, as the **speaker**, are providing new information to a whole group of learners at one time.
- The group, as **listeners**, is learning how to pay attention and absorb as much of the information as possible.
- Finally, you can provide **visual displays** that the whole group can view.

Let's discuss some great ways that fourth graders can become effective public speakers.

**Book reviews/reports** improve comprehension skills and give students a wider variety of choices for reading books. [Share a book that you've read and critique it]

**Research reports** provide a composite of in depth information on various topics. [Native American, European Explorers, etc.]



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**Storytelling** provides diversity and enjoyment.

[Re-enact a classic story, i.e. *Hansel & Gretel* ]

**Poetry readings** are easy and fun to do.

[Write your own poetry and share it]



**Plays** are always a wonderful challenge for learning more details and building more confidence. [Present a Civil War play to the other fourth graders at your school]