Explain that we are going to talk about where we live. Ask the class if anyone can tell what a community is (make them raise their hands!). You explain what a community is and that it can be large or small. For example, if you live in Tazewell, you are part of a small town or community. You are also part of the larger community of Claiborne County, including Speedwell, Harrogate, Clairfield, etc. Then, everyone in Claiborne County is part of Tennessee, which is part of the United States. So, communities can be large or small. The pictures are all of Claiborne County.

Ask the class to name some of the communities in Claiborne County. Stress to them that we are just talking about Claiborne County right now. The county seat of each county is similar to a state capitol. It is where our county government is located (courthouse, sheriff, count commission, where you go to pay your taxes).

Ask the class if anyone can guess which town in Claiborne County is our county seat. It is Tazewell. The picture is of the Claiborne County Courthouse.

Ask the class what this outline represents. They will have no idea! It is the outline of Claiborne County. The star is where Tazewell, our county seat, is located and each of the smiley faces represents the location of a different community in our county.

Ask the class if they can guess which communities go with which smiling faces. You will have to give hints. The communities appear in this order: Tazewell, New Tazewell, Midway, Speedwell, Harrogate, Cumberland Gap, Forge Ridge, and Clairfield.
Ask the class to name the counties that border Claiborne County. It is hard for many 4-H graders to think in terms of counties. You will have to stress that we are talking about counties and not about states or cities.

The counties appear in this order: Hancock, Grainger, Union, Campbell, Whitley, Bell, and Lee.

Ask the class to name some of the communities (cities) in Tennessee outside of Claiborne County. Ask the class which city is our state capitol. Explain to the class why Nashville is our state capitol. It is where the Governor, State Legislature, and State Supreme Court is located.

The picture is the State Capitol Building in Nashville. It is where our State Legislature meets (Senators and Representatives).

Ask the class how many counties there are in Tennessee. There are 95 counties in Tennessee.

Sorry it’s a blurry picture.

Ask the class if they can name some of the communities in Tennessee that are represented by the dots and star.

The cities appear in this order: Nashville, Knoxville, Gatlinburg, Johnson City, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, and Memphis.
Ask the class if they can name the states that border Tennessee. You will get all sorts of answers!

The states appear in this order: Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.

Now ask the class for a show of hands of everyone that knows their address. Go over why it is important to know your address. Point out that if you have to call 911 to report an emergency (injury, fire, etc.) from a cell phone, you must be able to tell the 911 operator your address.

A blank envelope appears. Explain the three parts of an address:

Name, house no. and road or post office box no., and the city/state/zip. An example will appear. Explain that this is who the letter is being sent to. A return address appears next. Explain that this is who is sending the letter and who the letter is returned to if it cannot be delivered.

This is the explanation of the public speaking contest taken straight from the 4-H yearbook. Remember that our 4th grade members about giving a speech or about our contest. Be sure to mention that their speeches can be on any topic that they want to talk about. Also mention that the first and second place winners get to advance on to the county speech contest.

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Public Speaking

More about speeches. Keep explaining!

This is the explanation of the poster contest taken straight from the 4-H yearbook. Remember that our 4th grade members about making a 4-H poster or about our contest. Be sure to mention that their posters must be about 4-H. Stress that poster size is a half sheet of poster board. Also mention that the first place winner’s poster advances on to the county poster contest.

EXPLAIN IT WELL!