

HI, NEIGHBOR!

Exploring 4-H
Claiborne County 4-H
October Lesson

OBJECTIVE:

To help 4th grade members develop a better understanding of their community and where they live. 4-H members will also learn how to properly write their address and to properly address an envelope.

Hi, Neighbor!

Do you like where we live?

We all live in a community.

Someone tell me what a 'community' is.

A community is a place where people do things together. Communities can be small or they can be large.

Claiborne County is full of small communities.



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.

Hi, Neighbor!

Can someone name some of the communities in Claiborne County?

Tazewell	New Tazewell	Speedwell
Clairfield	Forge Ridge	Midway
Harrogate	Cumberland Gap	Arthur

Now, one town in each county in Tennessee is called the COUNTY SEAT.

Who can guess which of our communities in our county seat?

It is TAZEWELL! This is because Tazewell is where our county government is located. Things such as the Courthouse, our county mayor, county sheriff, etc. are located in Tazewell.



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.

Hi, Neighbor!

Who can tell me what this outline represents?

It's CLAIBORNE COUNTY! Now lets see if we can find our communities.

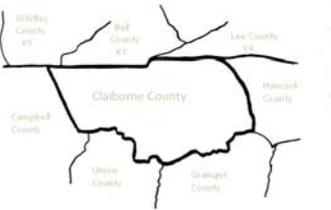


Ask the class what this outline represents. They will have no idea! It is the outline of Claiborne County. The star is were Tazewell, our county seat, is located and each of the smiley faces represents the location of a different community in our county.

Ask the class if they can guess which communities go with which smiley 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.

Hi, Neighbor!

Now lets name the counties that surround Claiborne County!



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.

Hi, Neighbor!

Now, who can name some communities in Tennessee?

Knoxville	Nashville	Chattanooga
Gatlinburg	Jackson	Clarksville
Cookville	Johnson City	Jonesboro



Which of these communities is our STATE CAPITOL?

That's right! NASHVILLE is where our state government is located. It is where the governor, our state legislature and our state supreme court is located.

(Kind of like a bigger version of our county seat, Tazewell.)

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).

Hi, Neighbor!

Quick Question: How many counties are there in Tennessee?



95 counties is the correct answer!

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

Sorry it's a blurry picture.

Hi, Neighbor!

Now let's name some the communities in Tennessee!

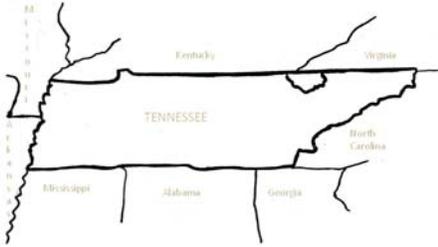


Ask the class if they can name some of the communities in Tennessee that are represented by the dots and star.

The cities appear in this order: Nashville. Knoxville, Gatlinburg, Johnson City, Chattanooga, Clarksville, Jackson, and Memphis.

Hi, Neighbor!

Do you know what other states border Tennessee?



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.

Hi, Neighbor!

Part of learning about our community is learning our address and knowing how to write it.

Why is it important to know our own address?

- an emergency such as a fire or injury
- we get lost and need to tell someone where we live
- we need to write someone a letter
- filling out 4-H enrollment forms!

Let's talk about how to write an address.

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.

Hi, Neighbor!



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.

November Contests: Public Speaking



THERE ARE FOUR BASIC STEPS TO A GOOD SPEECH

1. PLAN:
 - DECIDE ON YOUR PURPOSE (Do you want to get action, inform, or entertain?)
 - SELECT A TOPIC THAT WILL INTEREST YOUR AUDIENCE. Deciding on a topic is often the hardest part of giving a speech. The subject should be suitable to both the speaker and the audience. It is strongly recommended that 4th - 8th grade topics be related to 4-H, but is not required. Other topics are Environment, Future Goals, A Book You Have Read, Animals, Sports, Famous People, Family Friends, Nature and many others. (Remember, for 9th - 12th grades your topic must relate to 4-H.)
 - GATHER INFORMATION ON YOUR TOPIC.

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.

EXPLAIN IT WELL!

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II. ORGANIZE: HAVE AN INTRODUCTION, BODY, AND CONCLUSION

- A. Introduction:** This is your chance to get the audience's attention. You will be stimulating their appetite by your first few words. Some ways to start are using a famous quote, words or verses of a poem, a humorous story, or the definition of your title.
- B. Body:** This is the main part of your talk. This is the part where you bring out what you want your audience to know. You will hopefully not have more than five or six points. Avoid statistics and wordy information.
- C. Conclusion:** This is the ending or summarizing part of your talk. Some ways to end a speech are: A brief summary of the main points of your speech; Closing with a high note like a poem, quotation, or surprise statement; Concluding with a statement of your views.

PRACTICE:
Practice until you know your speech and feel comfortable giving it to others.

DELIVER:
Relax and be confident! Stand straight, but not stiff. Keep your hands to your sides. **DO NOT READ YOUR SPEECH!** Speak loud and clear so that everyone can hear you. Do not give your name at the beginning, or end of your speech. Do not use visuals.

More about speeches. Keep explaining!

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Recommended lengths for speeches are:

Grade Minutes
4 1-2
5-6 2-4

Grade Minutes
7-8 4-6
9-12 5-7

Senior members must give an extemporaneous speech. We will have a County Public Speaking Contest in December. County winners in 9th - 12th grades will then compete in the Regional Public Speaking Contest that will be conducted in February. County winners in 4th - 8th grade will compete in the Multi-County Public Speaking Contest that will be conducted in March. Work hard on your speech and remember to Plan, Organize, Practice, and Deliver!

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November Contests: 4-H Posters

Create your own

Tips

1. Simple Message
2. Large Letters
3. Easy to read
4. Easy to understand

Can you understand the message driving by at 55 miles an hour?

Extension

RULES

1. Must be about 4-H
2. 14 x 22 inches in size
3. Posters must be hand-drawn
4. May not include a cartoon figure
5. All letters must stand out more than 1/4 inch
6. All pictures must be hand-drawn

Display your artistic talents this month by entering the 4-H Art Poster at your 4-H meeting in November. The top club poster will be taken to county contest.

DO:

- Be NEAT
- Use cut out letters, glued on neatly. (Remember you should be able to read your poster from across the room.)
- If the 4-H Emblem is used on the poster, do not place text or other images over or on top of it. The 4-H Emblem should not appear screened under words or graphics. No photos, drawings, symbols, word or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H Emblem.
- Use short headings.
- Use color.
- Make your message short and to the point.
- Include your name, address, home, school, grade, and county on the back of your poster.

DON'T:

- Use loose glitter.
- Use photos or small magazine pictures that are too hard to see.
- Crowd your artwork and lettering.
- Make your letters too large or too small.

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.

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