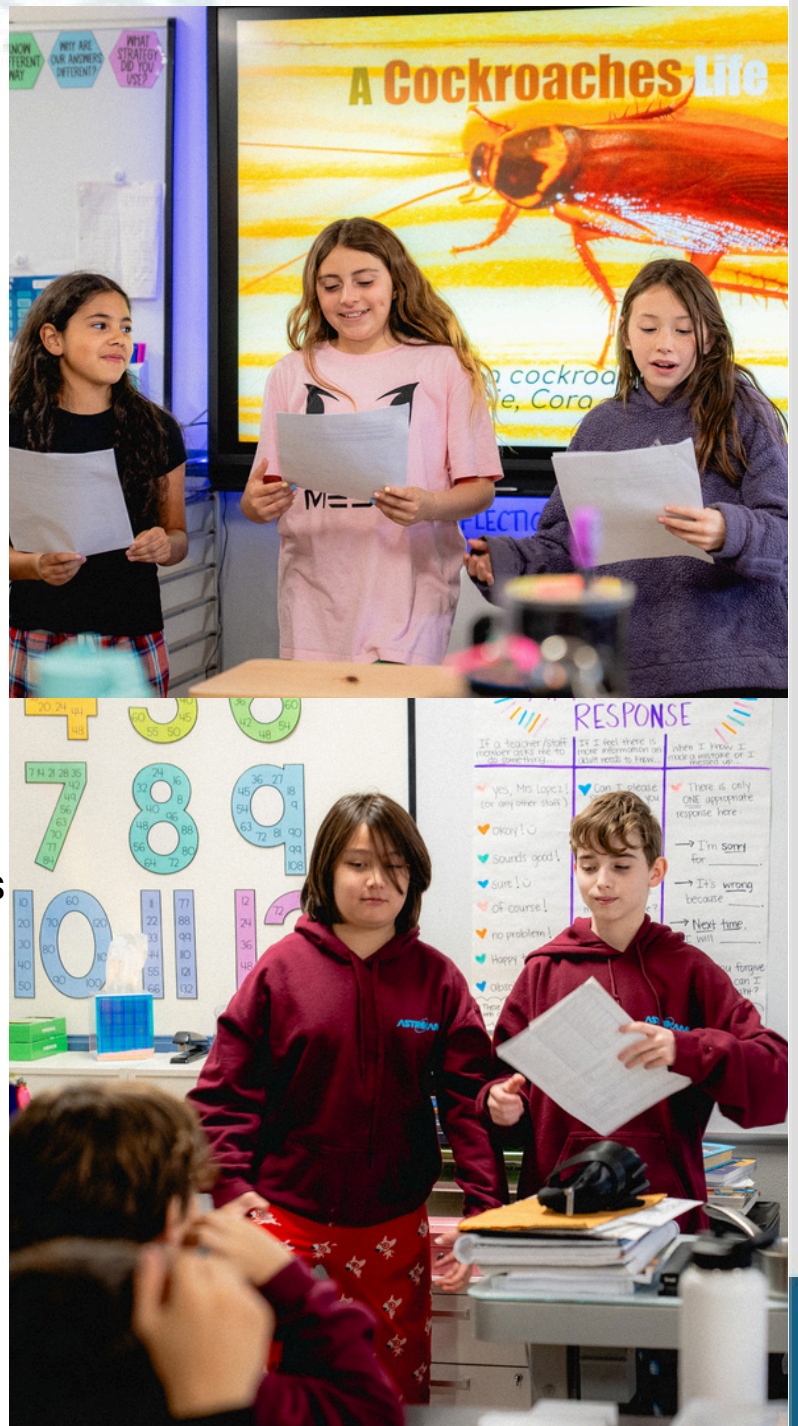


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In Theatre Arts, 4th and 5th grade students have been hard at work with Mrs. Lampechkun, learning essential skills for giving class presentations. As they prepare for middle school and high school, these young learners are developing confidence in their public speaking abilities, setting a strong foundation for their future academic success.

To help students master their presentation skills, Mrs. Lampechkun incorporates Bloom's Taxonomy, a framework that guides students through different levels of learning. The process starts with Remembering and Understanding, as students first learn key speech techniques. They then move to Applying these skills by practicing in front of their peers.



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As they continue developing their presentations, students reach the Analyzing stage, where they reflect on what works well and what needs improvement. Through peer feedback and self-assessment, they refine their techniques. The Evaluating stage comes when students assess their own and their classmates' presentations, identifying strengths and areas for growth. Finally, they reach the Creating stage, where they confidently put together and perform a full presentation using everything they have learned.

Speech Techniques for Success

Throughout this unit, students focus on key speech techniques to become effective presenters:

- Good Eye Contact - Engaging with the audience by looking up and making eye contact, rather than reading directly from notes.
 - Standing with Confidence - Maintaining good posture and presenting themselves as self-assured speakers.
 - Projecting and Speaking Clearly - Ensuring their voices are loud enough for everyone to hear while speaking at a natural, steady pace.
 - Walking and Pacing Naturally - Moving with purpose rather than standing stiffly or pacing nervously.
 - Having Energy - Bringing enthusiasm and expression to their presentations to keep their audience engaged.
 - Being Prepared - Practicing in advance to feel comfortable and confident when speaking.
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Building Skills for the Future

By working through these steps and using Bloom’s Taxonomy as a guide, students gain valuable communication skills that will serve them in all areas of their education. These lessons in Theatre Arts go beyond the stage—they help students build confidence, express themselves clearly, and prepare for future success in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Mrs. Lampechkun’s class is proving that with the right tools and techniques, every student can become a strong, confident speaker!.

