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Focus on Speaking in 4-A Class

Learning to speak a foreign language is definitely a challenge. It's very difficult for students to do if they don't practice on a regular basis. Students can be hesitant to speak for a wide variety of reasons like fear of mistakes, peer pressure, or lack of self-confidence. The topics like *Hobbies* and *My Favorite People and Things* are extremely helpful in planning effective speaking lessons, which will get students to break through their shyness and start talking!

Last month 4A grade students were engaged in learning how to express their opinions and preferences. The unit "*My Favorites*" included flashcards, games dialogue structures, information gap activities and target vocabulary exercises that helped our 4A grade students increase their speaking ability through interesting, educational, and fun practices. 4A students particularly liked mingling activities, where they walked around and spoke about something that was meaningful to them – their favorite athletes, actors, writers, books and activities. Afterwards, these activities were followed by the class surveys that determined which people or things are the most popular among 4A students. As the final project of the unit, the students of this grade had to choose a famous person, or a family member who could serve as a role model who would inspire them to set and achieve their goals.



Speaking English is fun!



Final Projects of the Unit