

TELLING YOUR STORY

1. It is suggested that each storyteller start by saying, “Hello, I am _____ from _____ (school). I have chosen to share a folk tale (or fairy tale, myth, legend, tall tale, fable) from _____ (place of origin, country or culture). The title of my story is _____.”
2. **Pause before you begin** – Give yourself a count of three and focus on your story. Then speak directly to your audience.
3. **Enunciation and pronunciation** – Speak clearly, distinctly and pronounce words correctly.
4. **Eye contact** – It is important to be able to see everyone and for everyone to be able to see you. When you look at your audience, you involve them in your story.
5. **Know your story** – It is important to be well-rehearsed. If you do forget your story – don't panic, don't apologize – pause, picture where you are in the story and pick it up again. Remember your outline.
6. **Pacing** – Tell your story at a comfortable pace – not too fast or too slow. Remember the audience has not heard this yet. Use pauses to provide a feeling of suspense and anticipation.
7. **Poise** – Everyone feels nervous. Feel your feet on the ground. It helps to take a deep breath. Look around at your audience in a friendly way. Remember you have a wonderful story to share and everyone wants to hear your story. Think of the audience as your best friend.
8. **Voice** – Use your voice to help you express your story.
9. Each storyteller may end by saying, “And that was the story of _____ (title). Thank you.”

PUT YOURSELF INTO THE TELLING!!!!