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# FORESTVIEW STUDENTS GET COMFORTABLE AT THE MIC

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Grade 1 students at Forestview Public School shared stories on show and tell day with the aid of a microphone.

"It's so refreshing using the microphone," said Forestview principal Derek Harley. "The quiet kids gain confidence."

National Show and Tell Day, held province-wide Oct. 20, focuses on the importance of student participation in learning. Using the microphone (talking stick) provides a level of comfort for all students, said Nadia Santoli, a spokesperson for Frontrow, a sound technology educational company.

The teachers wear a pendant microphone around their necks while the young students pass around a microphone they call the 'talking stick.'

"It's great to see my students stepping up," said Grade 1 teacher Kerry Sinclair. "Especially for the primary kids."

Forestview is using is services and equipment supplied by Frontrow, whose technology uses classroom amplification to improve students' listening success which results in better behavior, comprehension, and test scores.

"The microphone is designed to really encourage student participation in an affordable way," said John Merline, Frontrow's marketing director. "We're excited to share this 21st century 'talking stick' with schools across North America, as it instills values of turn-taking and encourages respectful behavior during class."

"We had a supply teacher who had difficulty with her



Teacher Kerry Sinclair with Grade 1 student Owen Wilson, a big hockey fan who shared his love for hockey with the rest of his class on National Show and Tell Day.

voice levels, but when she put on the microphone the whole class could hear her clearly," Harley said. "I like that everyone can hear me now," said Keyonna Gibson, who's in Grade 1. "This is our first year with the microphone in the classroom."