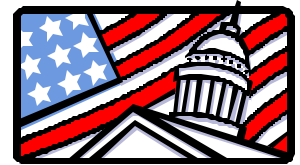


"Let's Travel Across the USA" Project

Mrs. Renz 4th Grade Class



State: _____

Focus Question: Why do people decide to travel to other states? Let's find out!

PROJECT & DUE DATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TECHNOLOGY COMPONENT
Persuasive Letter Due Date: _____	Write a persuasive letter to your family, encouraging them to travel with you to your state. Be sure to give at least 5 reasons why they should come with you on this trip. Be persuasive so they agree to travel with you! Include a strong opening sentence as well as a well thought out ending to your letter. Write this in proper letter format.	Microsoft Word
Travel Brochure Due Date: _____	Research, design, and create a travel brochure for your state. Pretend you are the State Tourism Director and you are in charge of designing the 2006 travel brochure for your state. Encourage people to visit your state. Include 5 facts or places of interest people wouldn't want to miss when they travel to your state. You might consider including: famous people from the state, annual events or festivals, interesting landmarks to visit, the most popular vacation spots, the land and weather, famous people from your state, products from your state, any other facts that might encourage people to take a trip to your state. You will use Microsoft Publisher to create the brochure. Use the brochure wizard to create your tri-fold brochure. Include your name as the Director of Tourism and create a mailing address for yourself. Include pictures and clip art to enhance your brochure. Be creative! Cite the sources you used. If pictures are used from a website, include the website address (the URL) near the picture.	Microsoft Publisher Microsoft Word (for Word Art) if used
POSTAGE STAMP Due Date: _____	Create a 37¢ postage stamp for your state. Draw this using black pen or pencil on the stamp template Mrs. Renz gives you. Mrs. Renz (or a great parent volunteer ☺) will run these off on the copier. You will then color certain parts of your each stamp to make it more attractive to people who are stamp collectors.	none
MILEAGE & TRIP COST Due Date: _____	Use Map Quest to plan a driving trip to the capital city in your state. Use the starting address of Vern Patrick School: 3001 SW Obsidian Ave, Redmond, OR 97756. Use the template to record your information on. Figure out the cost of your gas and the number of days it will take to drive there. Website: http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp	Internet Microsoft Word
RESOURCES	At least one book – encyclopedia, book about the state, etc. Driving Directions: http://www.mapquest.com/directions/main.adp State Information: http://www.redmond.k12.or.us/patrick/renz/states/statesresearch.htm	

Culmination:

We will hold a "Passport to the USA Convention" in our Teal Wing Commons area with Mrs. Pedersen's class. You will be the Tourism Director for your state at your state's booth. You will greet visitors (students from our class and Mrs. Pedersen's class as well as any parents who might attend the convention). You will have on display your persuasive letter, travel brochure, driving cost estimate, and 100 copies of your stamp to pass out to anyone who collects them. Parents are invited!