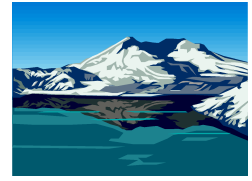




West Region Interactive Homework



Dear Families,

4th Grade will end our year-long journey across the United States with a visit to the West Region. The states included in this large region are the Rocky Mountain states (Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado) and the Pacific states (California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii). Here is a list of some possible interactive homework ideas for your child to consider. Please help your child set a goal to complete **one** of these projects. Interactive homework should be brought to school on **Thursday, April 26, 2018** to share. **Do not bring food to class to share.**

1. Choose a book that takes place in the West from the school or public library and share it with a family member at home. Write about the book together with a summary and your opinion. Include facts from the book and how it connects to the Western region. Illustrate your favorite part. Bring it to school to share with the class.
2. Make an ABC book for one (or all) of the West Region states. Each letter should include a sentence and an illustration.
3. Chinatown in San Francisco has one of the largest populations of Chinese people outside of China. Immigrants from Asia brought chopstick to the U.S. Enjoy a Chinese meal by helping to prepare a Chinese recipe for your family. Get a set of chopsticks and learn to use them as your family eats the meal.
4. Plan a family trip to a city in the West. Use the Web, or ask for brochures from a travel agent, and plan out what things you would do and how much it would cost. Make a scrapbook or poster of your plans to share.
5. Take a trip to the produce section of the grocery stores. Find out how many of the fruits and vegetables come from the West Region. Ask the produce person to help you. Make a list of what you discover and/or prepare a salad for your family to eat at home. Research these produce items and display your information on a poster board to share with the class.

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I will be completing the following project at home: # _____

I will have my project finished and bring it to school to share by **Thursday, April 26, 2018**.

Student Name

Parent Signature

6. California and Hawaii have a climate that allows many plants to grow that would not grow in Iowa. Do some research about a plant that is grown in one of these states, and make a poster to display what your research. Possible plants include kiwi, oranges, pineapple, coconut, guava, passion fruit, coffee, etc.
7. Choose a destination in the West that you would like to visit. Research what things you could do there, and design a poster-size advertisement for it.
8. Idaho is known for the potatoes grown there. Find a new recipe that calls for potatoes, and prepare it for your family. Ask them to share their reactions. Record them and share them with the class. In addition, complete research on Idaho potatoes and complete a poster of 10-15 facts to share with the class.
9. Several National Parks are found in this region. Use the Internet to visit the National Park Service website (<http://www.nps.gov/>). Choose a park to learn about. Make a poster or brochure about your choice. Possible parks include Denali, Yellowstone, Redwood, Yosemite, Death Valley, Klondike, etc.
10. The Continental Divide is found in the West. Find out what it is, and how it effects the United States. Make a map of the West Region that shows where it is located to present with your facts.
11. The Alaskan Pipeline goes through areas in this state that have a ground condition called 'permafrost'. Find out what it is and make a poster or a report showing what your research.
12. Washington state is known for its apples. Find a recipe that uses apples and make it for your family. Collect 10-15 facts and research about Washington apples and display them on a poster to share with the class.
13. Some of our country's oldest and tallest trees are found in the West. Use reference books to find out what kind of trees these are, and where they are found. Collect interesting facts about them to share with the class.
14. The 49th and 50th states that joined the U.S. are in this region. Find out which states they are, and when they joined. Make a timeline to show when all of the West Region states became part of the U.S. Be sure to include a few facts about the 49th and 50th states.

**Do you have another idea for a West Region project?
Complete the form on the other side and fill in the blanks below!**

I have an idea for a West Region project!

I want to _____

I will prepare _____ to share with the class.
(a poster, a chart, a photo essay, etc.)