

Hello families!

Welcome to Geography Through Literature!

We will be working through the Holling C Holling books, Paddle to the Sea, Minn of the Mississippi, Seabird and Tree in the Trail. Your child will be working on a large poster size map during each class. I will be reading out loud the books during class. There is no need for you to get the books, and I will be supplying the maps.

I will also be giving your child a small notebook the first day of class. We will be using it to record new geographical vocabulary throughout the year. I will hold on to the notebooks after each class. Your child will only need to bring a pencil to each class. If they'd like to bring their own colored pencils they may, but I will have plenty of boxes for each child. We will put their names on them so they will use the same ones each week and at the end of the year they will be permitted to take them home. They will bring home their completed maps as we finish them throughout the year.

You'll see there is a signup genius link below! During the year I ask each child to give a report three times on three different topics. The topics are...a state, a place where my relative lives, a place I'd like to go in the United States. I will be handing out a poster template for their state reports. I will demonstrate to them during the first class of the year how to do all three. It can truly be as simple or as elaborate as your child would like! Please click the link below and sign your child up for three different dates. When you signup, please type in the comments section of your signup your child's name and which topic they'll do that day...state name, relative's place or place I want to go. For states...please look over the signup first to check and see what states others have claimed, as an example you'll comment "state - FL". I do not need the specific place name your child will do for "place my relative lives" or "place I want to visit in the US".

Other than these three reports there is no homework.

I do ask each child to treat their map and their materials with respect and I will be asking them to do their best job. We will be outlining, labeling and coloring on the maps. The first day of class I will show them how they need to color their maps. Some kids, especially at this age, decide they don't like to color. I understand that. However, it will be a required portion of the class to participate in map creation. Please speak with your child ahead of time if need be to give them a heads up as to what I'll be expecting, so when they hear it from me on the first day, they'll know you know ;) and they can't ignore what I've asked :)

If you have questions please let me know!

Please respond with a "got it" to this email so I know I have listed your emails out properly!

THANKS!
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