


Home-School Connection #15

1.7.16

After a good long break, you came back peaceful and full of interesting ideas. We've been busy and cozy as the weather outside dipped below 10 degrees. Winter is here.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

ECONOMICS and MADE IN:



As we get ready to construct our colonial village on the river table, it helps to know why people move to a new place and what they need to have food, clothing and shelter. Some colonists grew their own food, or made their own clothing or built their own houses, but many items came from other countries. For example, the tea colonists drank was shipped from England. All of this has to do with economics. Economics is a science that studies how people make (manufacture), sell (distribute) and use (consume) goods and services. Before vacation you collected data about where your clothing is made. This week, we worked together to put the information into one Google Doc. Then some of you worked with Ms. Davidson on a HUGE GRAPH, some of you worked with Mr. Thomas on a computer program called *My Maps* and some of you worked with me to get ready for community meeting. Show your parents the documents on Google Docs related to our clothing items. As you do this discuss what surprised you, what you learned from doing this and what new questions you have.

PICK AT LEAST 4 ITEMS FROM THIS LIST: For each item describe what you did, what you learned (be specific) and at least one discussion/wondering question for your parent. Check off any topics you talked about even if you didn't write a description of them.

- WALK TWO MOONS: The last chapters we read were: Pandora's Box, The Black Hills, and The Tide Rises, I have attached the Tide Rises poem and why the author might have used it.
- COMMUNITY MEETING
- READING FROM THE PEARSON BOOK ABOUT NEW ENGLAND, MIDDLE SOUTHERN COLONIES
- COLONIAL MAPS
- SOIL ON RIVER TABLE & REVOLUTIONARY RELATIVES
- MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS- Fraction Action area model - folding paper, dot sketch model:
- MURDER OF CROWS
- * NEW ENERGY SCIENCE UNIT - if you do this after Friday
- NEW YEAR GOALS- What's a personal goal, an academic goal or an exercise goal you have?
- WEB-NESDAY WORK - what you did and what you saw teammates do
- MORNING MEETING TOPICS. NEW LUNCH SEATS,
- SOMETHING ELSE?
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Due: Monday: We made a time to do this on:----- Parent Signature ----- Comments:

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Student Rating (1-5): Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions.