

January 14th, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are beginning our first big group project in Social Studies. Most of the work will be done in class, but students are allowed to work on it at home as well. The following list explains the components of the project and the parts for which your child will be responsible:

1. Comparison Charts (every group member needs to turn in individually)

- ❖ Students are working with their group to complete the section for their own tribe only. They will complete the information for the other tribes when the other groups present.
- ❖ Group members will collaborate with each other to fill in missing spaces in their charts once presentations are complete.

2. Poster (One per group)

- ❖ Students will be able to work on this portion of the project in class and also at home. Each student will have a specific topic to add to the group's poster.
- ❖ The group will present the poster and be graded on their individual work.
- ❖ Furthermore, each student will also receive a minor grade on how well their groups work together as a team during this project

3. Artifacts

- ❖ Each student should create at least one example of their tribe's tools, artwork, clothing, homes, etc. This can be very simple (using construction paper or clay) or more authentic looking. Please be sure that items are a material that is safe to bring to school per the code of conduct (ex: an ax made of foam is ok...a real one is not!)

Parents, if you want to help your children find some additional resources through google or other means, please feel free. I want this to be a learning experience for your children, and it is my hope that they are having fun while they learn about their tribes. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns, and I will be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Coddington

P.S. Flip to the back to view some frequently asked questions and answers!

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child have time to work on this project in class?

Yes, they will have plenty of time to work on this project in class, however, they are encouraged to work on the project at home if they need to catch up.

Will my child have all of the materials they need at school?

Yes, they will have all of the research materials they would need and materials to make the artifacts. They can bring in materials from home to create their artifacts as well.

Will my child's grade be affected by other group members' below average work?

It depends; the vast majority of your child's grade is based on individual effort. However, if the group fails to work effectively as a team then the "group grade" may be negatively impacted. But, if this breakdown in the group is caused by one student who refuses to work with the group then exceptions will be made.

When is the due date?

The due date is tentatively set for Friday, January 24th.

If you have any other questions please contact me!