



GRADE THREE RESEARCH PROJECT

Parents/Guardians,

This year in Social Studies, we have been learning about our community as well as the cultures of other countries. As a culminating writing assignment, students will complete a research project on a country of their choice. They will be assessed according to a scoring rubric and the grade will appear on the final report card.

Students will research information about their selected country, complete a fact sheet, and write a research report on the country. Students are required to use a minimum to two reference sources when conducting research. This may include: internet (under adult supervision), encyclopedias, books, atlas, magazines, etc.

****All writing will be done in class, but the fact finding pages in this packet will be completed for homework.**

Please refer to the back of this page for a list of countries as well as directions for getting started. We have published a *suggested list of countries* because books on these countries are readily available in the Garrettford Library for use during each classroom's library time. If your child wishes to research a country not on this list, please be aware that materials and information may not be as easily attainable in school and may require more independent study or a visit to your local library.

For households with internet:

Please assist your child in searching the suggested websites in the directions and have him/her complete the facts pages by the due date. **All work submitted must be in the student's handwriting.**

For households without internet:

Please review this project with your child and provide assistance in choosing a country to research. A visit to a local library may provide additional resources to assist in completing this project. Please contact your child's teacher if your resources are extremely limited and materials are needed. **All work submitted must be in the student's handwriting.**

In addition to the facts, students are encouraged to find other interesting facts and accurate details about their country in order to obtain a better score on this project. This information should be paraphrased (in your child's own words- not copied directly from the book or website.)

If you have any questions about this project, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers

Grade Three Research Countries
(Suggested list based on available books in the Garrettford Library)

Australia	Brazil	Canada
China	Cost Rica	England
Egypt	France	Germany
Greece	Iceland	India
Italy	Japan	Kenya
Korea	Mexico	Nigeria
Pakistan	Peru	Russia
South Africa	Spain	Thailand
Turkey	New Zealand	

*Please note that students may select a country not on this list,
but materials may be limited or not available at school.



Directions:



At home:

Step #1

- ✓ Select your country from the list above. Return the **signed** research confirmation form by the following day.

Step #2

- ✓ Refer to the following websites to locate facts and details about the country. Here are some kid-friendly websites that you will find helpful:
- ✓ <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/>
- ✓ - Scroll down to Continents and Countries. Select the continent and then the country you wish to research.
- ✓ www.countryreports.org
-Click on "Countries" then locate your country of choice. Be sure to read all of the sections to gather the best information for your graphic organizer.
- ✓ www.factmonster.com - Click on "World" then "Countries" then locate your country of choice.
- ✓ As you read through the information, try to find interesting facts that you would like to include in your research paper. Write them down on the "notes" page.
- ✓ www.kids-world-travel-guide.com
-Click on Countries.

At School:

Step #3:

- ✓ Read books on your country to find out more about the culture. Look for information about their foods, holidays, languages, school, transportation, and/or music.
- ✓ Begin writing notes that will help you write your report.

Step #4:

- ✓ Write a Rough Draft of your research paper. Be sure to make it interesting for the reader.

Step #5:

- ✓ Use the Writing Process to complete your Research paper.

MY COUNTRY
REPORT
NOTE-TAKING PACKET

Country: _____

Due Date: _____

_____ Cut Here _____
Name: _____

Country: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Draw a picture of your Flag here: