

California Mission Project

Due: Friday, February 10th

Dear Students and Parents,

Here is a packet that will assist you in helping your child to complete the California Missions Project this year. Each student will research one of the 21 California Missions and write a report (see the packet hand-out to help start the report). In addition to the report, students will construct a diorama of their mission. The materials used to create the projects are suggested materials. Your child may have other ideas on how to put together the project! Students are not required to present their reports on any type of display board. You may type (double spaced) or handwrite your written research portion. You **MUST** include at least 3 sources. We will review how to write the sources in class. We will also be using their research paper to create a presentation on Google Slides during class.

Please do **NOT** purchase one of the store bought mission kits. Their dioramas **MUST** only be the size of a small shoebox! I have shown the students pictures of previous projects so they know which direction to go in. Their dioramas can be very simple! This class is extremely creative and crafty! I would like the students to learn the value of problem solving, studying the architecture of their selected mission, and being creative when constructing their projects.

Cardboard, wood, sand, clay, dirt, paint, fabric, pasta noodles, paper tubes, natural and artificial plants, twigs etc. are all great materials to use. You may even be super creative and build a diorama out of materials like Lego blocks.

This is a valuable time for your child to grow as a learner. Please allow your child to do the project themselves as much as possible. We will be discussing in class about how best to go about this project. I am really looking forward to seeing what this class ends up creating, as I know that they will do a fabulous job coming up with some artistic and imaginative projects. Please let me know if you have any questions at all! Thank you!

Miss. Verzosa