Hello Families!

Lately we have been getting very excited in class when we are talking about learning more IN the virtual world that we are always experiencing on the internet, in video games and through the many 'screens' in our day to day lives. As a class we have determined that becoming really good "Learners" means that we have to practice learning in *all* of the environments we find ourselves! So we are taking a 'field trip' into cyberspace and we want you to come along!

Here are the steps (revised v.3.1)[1] we have created for our journey:

1. Go to an internet connected device with your headphones. We **strongly** recommend going to the St. Catharines Central Library branch. We have now visited there twice so we know how to use computer terminals, and ask the friendly staff for help!

2. Open a web browser and type this address in the address bar: http://goo.gl/ErtPf4

3. Get ready! We are about to learn online! Get your pencil and paper ready this video will teach us:[2]
   What is the definition of a simple machine? (1:47) _____
   _____
   We saw four different simple machines: _____(2:30), _____(3:05)
   _____ (3:26), and _____ (5:20)

4. Connect our virtual learning to real life![3]
   Here is the simple machine I like the most_____
   Here is a real life version of it _____

Thanks for coming along! We look forward to hearing all about your field trip in class on Friday November 14! Parents/guardians please feel free to note any comments on the back of this sheet: things that worked well, things that we can improve, etc. thank you!

Sincerely,
Lockview Grade 2s and Mr. McInnes

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[1] Ontario Curriculum Language - Reading 1.5, 2.1, 2.6-8, 3.6, p. 56-58.
[2] Ontario Curriculum Science - Structures and Mechanisms 2.3, 2.5, 3.3
[3] Ontario Curriculum Science - Structures and Mechanisms 1.1, 3.5