

14th Home-School Connection



Winter isn't easy for us robins, but we stick around. How's your January so far?

Thursday
1/10/13



THERE ARE 9 CHECK BOXES: YOU MUST WRITE A QUESTION NEXT TO AT LEAST 5 OF THE BULLETS. Write them the way I write questions next to bullets.

URBAN IMPROV: We played a tough game of Simon Says, sang a song about why some people insult others, did some skits about a new boy named Marty Roache, and discussed what you might do when you see people saying things to others that puts them down. You also wrote in your Urban Improv journal.

- Do you think this is an effective way to learn about yourself and others?
- Do you see examples in your own life for when Urban Improv might help you out?
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ORGANIZING YOUR COLONIAL QUESTIONS INTO TOPICS: Your colonial family teams wrote all the questions you had brainstormed onto index cards, and then you worked in 'combo groups' to put the cards into categories. These categories will guide your research. Describe some of the questions and the categories you put them in.

- What types of questions are most interesting to you?
- Are there some questions you think will be harder to answer than others?
- What topics might be missing? (I will give you a list of the topics you created on Friday)
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BIRD SURVIVAL- REAL AND DESIGNED: You had to write down some information about bird beaks, feathers, flight patterns, feet, and nests. The big thing was to think about how the *form and function* of these items help birds to survive. If you are not sure, do more research! Describe two different birds that have different beaks, feet, etc. and explain how these differences are based on ways they have adapted to their environments. I have given you many sources of information.

- How might thinking about the form and function of birds help you think about the animal you are studying?
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ANIMAL RESEARCH: Speaking of animal research... how is your animal research going? What interesting facts have you learned about your animal? What features of your animal allow it to adapt to its environment? What types of questions do you still have? Do you need to get more resources?

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