



# Home-School Connection #9

## November 15th, 2012

- COLONIES IN AMERICA: We have investigated why different European countries came to North America. The back of this sheet is a bit of review. Reread it *before* you do the HSC and then hand your parents *this sheet* and try to explain to them *important* information about when, where and why the Spanish, Dutch, French and English countries settled where they did. Perhaps look at a map to find out where these places are.
- JAMESTOWN ADVENTURE: In 1607, Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in North America. You did an online adventure at this site: <http://www.historyglobe.com/jamestown/>  
**Based on the information you learned from the simulation**, you were asked to write a letter to Captain John Smith and give him advice. What advice did you give him? Use specific details that from the online adventure. If you need to review, go back to the site first.
 
- BIRD OBSERVATIONS: You are learning how to identify birds and you have to do another bird observation before Monday. Explain what you are learning about the importance of size and shape. For example, explain how you can compare and contrast the hairy woodpecker and the downy woodpecker. You can check out this site:  
<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/AboutBirdsandFeeding/woodpeckerIDtable.htm>
- RIVER TABLE: We are going to be turning our river table into a colonial village along the Charles River. What types of materials might we need in order to make our table come to life?
- STARTING FRACTIONS: We have begun chapter 4 on fractions. You are learning how to find equivalent fractions and you are learning how to order them using common denominators. Why is it good to know how to do the dot method and the multiples method? Can you teach both ways to your mom or dad?
- NEW TEAMS – NEW TEAM RESOLUTIONS: You are on a new team! How's it going? What were your resolutions? Are you trying to follow them?
- SOMETHING ELSE/ SPECIALS? Is there something else you want to talk about? Chinese, Art, Gym, Library, Music, COB, or morning meetings, lunch tables, science posters??? What did you choose to talk about? \_\_\_\_\_

**Due: MONDAY: We made a time to sit and do the HSC together on\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

Student Rating: Say why...