May 26, 2020

Dear Family & Students,

 All 4th grade students at Jennings Randolph Elementary will be required to complete a **West Virginia “Know Your State” Project**. The Randolph County Extension Office will be providing the booklets that we will be using with the students. In addition to the **Know Your State booklet**, the students will be completing a **project plan**, at least 5 **“Mining For More”** activities that are listed on the back of this letter and a **project display**. The project book/binder will include these specific areas:

* Project book cover
* Title page
* Table of contents page with page numbers
* State Symbols

**I. Geography**

 A. Counties of WV

 B. Geological formations of WV Geography

 1. Types of rock in WV

 C. Rivers

 1. Transportation

 2. Economic & Tourism

 3. Electricity

**II. Economics**

A. Natural Resources of WV

 B. Trips, Travel & Tourism

**III. Government**

 **A.** WV Counties & County Seats

 B. WV State Government

 1. Legislature

 2. Executive Branch

 3. Judicial Branch

 C. State Seal

**IV. History**

A.Early Inhabitants of WV

 1. Mound Builders (500 B.C. – 200 B.C.)

 2. Other Pre-historic People (200 B.C. – 1690 A.D.)

 3. Native Americans

 4. French & Indian War (1756 – 1763)

 5. Dunmore’s War (1774)

 6. Revolutionary War (1775 – 1783)

 B. Formation of the 35th State

 C. Conflict in West Virginia

 1. Battle of Philippi

 2 Battle of Rich Mountain

 3. Battle of Droop Mountain

 4. Battle of Shepherdstown

 5. The Mine Wars

 6. Hatfield & McCoy Feud

 D. Famous West Virginians

 E. West Virginia’s Place in History

 As part of organizing this information, your child should label these topics into their specific area.

**Please do not print off pages upon pages of information from the Internet.** Remember that this is a **project book** put together by your child with **limited** assistance from you. Please have fun and enjoy this time of learning about our great state of West Virginia. This project book and its display will be due on or before **May 1, 2021**. More information will follow throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

 Thank you,

 Ms. Lambert

**WV Scrapbook: “Mining For More” ACTIVITIES**

**SYMBOLS:** There are more symbols that represent the State of West Virginia than just the ones listed in the activity on page 6. Take this activity a step further to learn at least five more of West Virginia’s state symbols.

**GEOGRAPHY**: Many of the counties did not receive their name for the reason listed in the activity above Take this activity a step further to find out how these counties actually got their name. Put a star beside the counties that actually got their name from their clue.

Go exploring! Collect each of the following rocks and create a labeled display. (Coal, Dolomite, Iron Ore, Limestone, Sandstone & Shale)

**ECONOMICS**: West Virginia has a variety of natural resources available within the state. There are two types of natural resources – renewable and non-renewable. Find out more about these types of resources and give some examples of both types found in West Virginia.

Pretend you are a first-time visitor to your hometown or county. What do you think might be interesting to a first-time visitor? Make something to advertise this interesting thing about your community. You could make a poster, flyer, brochure, rack card, website, radio spot, song, etc… be creative? (Possible project exhibit.)

**GOVERNMENT**: Dig in to learn more about your county seat. How was the location of your county seat chosen? Is the current location where the county seat has always been or has it moved from another location? Explore the history of your county seat as well as the county courthouse.

As a WV citizen, you will someday (when you are 18) have the right to vote for these representatives. One of the best ways to make your voice heard is by writing a letter to those individuals. Some ideas for letters to write – write about something positive going on in your community that you believe Legislators should know about; write about a way you feel the state government could impact your local community; write a “Thank You” for something the Legislature did that you support/appreciate from the last session,

**HISTORY**: Our state was used as hunting grounds by several Native American tribes. Learn more about the different tribes that came through the region that we now call West Virginia.

On June 20th every year, we celebrate West Virginia Day. Celebrations are planned around the state. Learn about celebrations happening in your area or plan your own celebration! Share your experience in your journal/notebook. (Possible project exhibit.)

Are there other conflicts in our state’s history that are not listed in the activity on page 35, but you would like to learn about? Are there historic sites close to your home that mark important conflicts in our state’s history? Plan a family trip to visit one of the historic sites. Create a journal about your visit. Try to include pictures/photographs. (Great project exhibit.)

Several West Virginians have made a big impact on the 4-H program in West Virginia. Mildred Fizer was a West Virginia trailblazer. She became the first female state 4-H program leader in West Virginia. This also gave her the distinction of being the first female state 4-H leader in history. We challenge you to learn more about another West Virginia 4-H trailblazer, William H. “Teepi” Kendrick.