



State Project Gathering Info Overview Letter

Dear Students and Parents,

As part of our social studies curriculum, each student will be required to put together a report on one state. The report will allow each student to research a variety of information including state industry, tourism, and state history. The project will consist of gathering and recording information and making a tri-fold display to present at our own "State Fair" in May – the culmination and celebration of this project.

Fourth grade students will have made up 5-6 trivia questions and play quiz master to the many visitors who come by their state displays. They will also give prizes and/or promotional items to those visitors who participate in their state trivia quiz. The State Fair is from 9am-1:30pm, and we encourage parents and siblings to come and join the festivities! The experience is both fun and educational.

This week in school, an overview of the project is being presented, and each student has or will have selected a state (via their lottery number) which he or she will research. We begin the process in October to allow time for students to make their contacts with state officials and businesses, and for these places to send back colorful brochures, maps, travel guides, and (hopefully) free promotional items to each student. While information will primarily be obtained from a book in our own Forcey Christian School library, more information can be researched through other books and through my website which has a wealth of research information that can be used as a supplement.

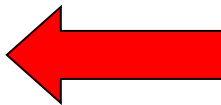
In January, students will begin receiving information about completing each phase of the project.

From November through January, students are to be in the gathering and collecting phase. This entails contacting state organizations (chambers of commerce, departments of tourism), state officials (governors and senators), and state businesses with student requests.

Students, start your engines! Begin writing your **sample inquiry letter** which you will submit to your homeroom teacher. Save your letter on your home computer to avoid re-inventing the wheel every time you need to write a new one. Once your sample letter has been graded and approved, start mailing out letters of inquiry to 2-3 state organizations or state officials and to 10-20 business contacts (or more). The more businesses you contact, the more likely you will be to receive free promotional items! Be sure to thank those who have sent things to you.

Parents, please browse through the packet. We will be going over everything with the students in class. Please sign the parent return form and have your child return it to me by no later than

Wednesday, October 26, 2016.



Sincerely,

Steve Shapero, Lynn Rohrer, Christine Hall