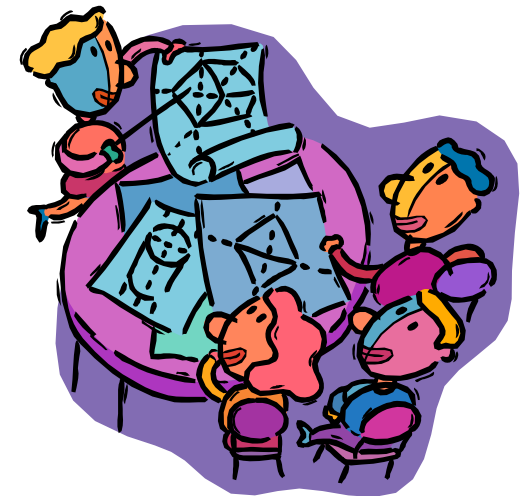


Are Projects Really Worth the Trouble?

What Important 21st Century Skills Do Students Learn During Projects?

Students learn to

- Work well with others
- Make thoughtful decisions
- Take initiative
- Solve complex problems
- Self-manage
- Communicate effectively
- Use technology tools appropriately



Your questions answered on how we use projects in our classroom to meet important learning requirements

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WHY ARE WE DOING PROJECTS?

Standards are Important in Projects!

Yes, students may have fun, but our projects are all based on the standards we are required to meet. The products students create will show they understand the subject, plus how it connects to the real world.



Students Answer Tough Questions!

Students are often struggling with the same difficult questions that adults often do...

- How can I make a difference in my community?
- How can we use our natural resources more wisely?
- How can I stay healthy?

WHAT MAKES PROJECTS SPECIAL?

Students are the Center of the Classroom!

Students are the explorers, searching out answers to interesting questions. There are no answers at the back of our books!

Students Work on Relevant Problems!

Our students work to understand and find solutions to real-world problems in our community, country, and world. They use technology as adults do—for research, analysis, collaboration, and communication, often working with experts and community leaders. They come to understand the connection of what they study in school with the world around them.



HOW DOES GRADING WORK?

Grading is an Ongoing Process

I provide rubrics to my students before the start of a project so that they will know the quality of work that is expected. There are many points along the project where students are assessed, so we can all be sure that everyone is on track.

When a group of students work together on a project, students receive both a final group grade and an individual grade.

