



January 14, 2019

Room 23 Parents/Guardians,

As you may already be aware, our class has begun our unit on the California Missions. **Each student will complete a written project on the California mission of their choice in class.** We have resources such as books, online books (using our Chromebooks), and fact cards to help gather information.

At home, they will be completing the second part of the project... That is building the mission model! The projects are **due on February 6.** Please note that all 4th grade classes will be completing mission projects and that the due dates have been staggered for display purposes. This project is designed to be fun and engaging! I expect the missions to look like they were completed by a 4th grade student. Parents are encouraged to only “guide” their children. You may purchase a mission kit from Michael’s, though this can get quite expensive, and is not recommended. I truly enjoy creative solutions for building! This project is meant to help students understand some of the building elements all missions had in common (quadrangle, church, bells, etc).

Some materials you can use are: *cardboard, sugar cubes, food items (Rice Crispy Treats, licorice, cake), foam, toothpicks, Popsicle sticks, paper or plastic plates, wood, clay, bells, sand, Legos, small plants, pebbles, cotton balls, empty plastic containers or caps, elbow macaroni, lasagna, rigatoni, paper or fabric, yarn, string, ribbon, etc.*

The only “must” with this project is a size limitation... please do not create anything bigger than their desks-**22 in. x 17 in.** By the way, anything miniature is fine, too. Students may also choose to create a different model that focuses on a specific mission element, such as an adobe brick, a bell tower, a tile, or a fountain.

Projects should be labeled with the name of the mission/project and the student’s name!

Have fun, and above all be creative!!!

Thank you for your support!
Ms. Cueva

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I have read the above!

Student name _____

Parent signature _____