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LATIN AMERICAN PLANT PROJECT



As you may know we are beginning an interdisciplinary unit on Latin America. Students will be studying some aspect of Latin America in each of their classes. In science class will be studying plants of the Amazon Rainforest and learning about the classification system for living things. We will be making a replica of a tropical rainforest that will be on display at the Latino Festival on November 4th.

REQUIREMENTS

- Plants should be life size if possible. If your plant is too large, you may make a scale model. You must include the scale (written using metric units) in your label.
- Models should be home-made, you should not buy a plant at the store to use as your project.
- Look around your house for materials; please do not spend a lot of money on this project. Below is a list of possible materials.
- Attach a 3x5 card to your plant with the your name and block. The plant's common name, scientific name, and the scale if you used one.

Possible Materials

- Paint
- Cardboard
- Felt
- Foam
- Tissue Paper
- Pipe Cleaners



Plant Name: _____

Parent Signature _____

The Assignment

Scientists use models all of the time to represent things we can't see very well (cells, planets, and DNA) without the use of special equipment.

Since we can not take a field trip to a tropical rainforest we will be making a model of a rainforest plant. Students chose their plants in class this week. There will be a **research component**, but it will be completed **in class** and the information will be presented in the form of an oral presentation.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about this project.

DUE DATE
NOVEMBER
2nd



Parents, please sign so I know that you are aware of this project.