



Salt Map Project

DUE DATE:
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER
4TH!

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Over the past two weeks your child has been studying the regions of Texas. As a culminating project, they will create a salt-map. They have done some of the research work at school, however they may still need to do more at home. The actual project will need to be completed at home. I am attaching the information for the recipe, a copy of the map they will be using (for box sizing reference), project instructions, and the rubric I will be using to grade.

This has been a favorite activity in the past and I know the kids are going to have a blast doing it! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. (KimzeyE@HPISD.org)

Have fun!

Mrs. Kimzey

Salt Map Dough Instructions



1) Mix 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt and 3/4 cup water. (Add a little water at a time). This should make a very thick dough. Add more flour if needed.

**if you would like to use "google" to search for different salt map recipes you are more than welcome!

2) Use food coloring to create 4 DIFFERENT colors (NOT BLUE)

3) Place dough of different colors into four separate baggies.

Salt Map Project Instructions

****PART I- The Map**

1) Make dough.

2) Cut out the shape of Texas (provided by Mrs. Wittwer) and glue it onto the cardboard.

3) Draw in the 4 MAJOR regions of Texas.

4) Read carefully about Texas elevations, page 18 in your S.S. book (or use other resource), so you will know exactly how "thick" to make each region and where to make hills and mountains on your Texas map.

5) Using your dough, create the 4 regions, with correct thickness.

6) Before the dough dries, use toothpicks to create flags and label at least 5 major cities and at least 1 smaller town.

7) After dough is dry, use a BLUE permanent marker to draw & label 5 MAJOR Texas Rivers.

8) Include a unique legend, compass rose, and map scale.

(It shouldn't look exactly like the one in the book 😊)

****Please use a ruler to ensure you have STRAIGHT lines!**

****PART II- The Letter**

9) On the back of your map, attach a letter convincing me to visit your favorite region.

- Include weather information (what will I need to pack?)

- Important cities, landmarks, resources. (Where would I want to go?

What is there to know about that region? Why is it special?)

- Native plants and animals that I might see while I'm there.

- Landforms that I may be interested in seeing.

(USE THE RESEARCH YOU HAVE DONE IN CLASS)

*This may be hand written or typed.

6) The project will be **DUE Thursday, October 4th**

HAVE FUN!!

NAME: _____

Salt Map Project Rubric

Criteria	Points Earned
Is the thickness correct for each region?	_____/ 20
Is each region a different color on your map?	_____/ 5
Are the regions, cities, and town in the correct place and labeled correctly?	_____/ 10
Does your map have a legend/key, compass rose, map scale(you can estimate)?	_____/ 30
Is your map neat? (straight lines, dough within boundaries, neat labels, good handwriting?)	_____/ 10
How is your spelling, grammar and sentence structure?	_____/ 10
Does your letter include all of the required information? Was it convincing?	_____/ 15
Comments:	Final Grade:

