



# States and Regions

September 1, 2017

Dear Parent(s),

We have started our unit on states and regions in social studies. Each student already has chosen a state other than Illinois that s/he wants to learn about this year. The students will begin gathering information on the state. Research outside of school will be necessary to complete the project. NO WRITTEN STATE REPORT WILL BE REQUIRED. Instead your student will complete a project using the information they have gathered.

Each student will have the choice to create a state float, a presentation board, a song, a technology presentation (i.e. PowerPoint, video), a travel brochure, or a game as a homework assignment to represent the state's important facts and information. If your student has another creative idea for a project other than those listed, s/he should get pre-approval from the homeroom teacher. The state project that your child chooses to create will be due on **Friday, October 27th.** Each project will be assessed and given a grade based on the attached rubric called "State Projects." Please make sure the student's name appears somewhere on the project. There will be a penalty for projects turned in late. Each student will also be required to share the project by giving a 2-3 minute presentation to the class. A rubric with the presentation requirements will be sent home prior to the project due date. Then, the night of the Learning Fair on Thursday, November 2nd, they will display and answer questions about their projects.

**Thank you** for your time and involvement in this project. We believe that this hands-on activity will be an enjoyable way for children to help summarize what they have learned about their specific state as well as a way for students to share and learn about other states. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Very sincerely,  
**The Fourth Grade Team**

## STATE PROJECT PARENT/STUDENT CONFIRMATION

I have read and discussed with my child the requirements for the state project.

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Parent Signature

I have chosen to do a (circle your choice from the list below)

Technology Presentation

Float

Presentation Board

Song

Brochure

Game

I have another idea for a project. I will ask my teacher for approval.

for my state project. I will let my teacher know if I decide to change my project choice.

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Student Signature

Return this form by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.