



Kids-Fair 2003 - A Smile In Time

Booth Ideas

Pangea

- Make a puzzle of all of the continents fitting together (Pangea) and explain continental drift and how one continent broke into the 7 continents today.

Dinosaurs/Ice Age

- How are glaciers formed?
- What did dinosaurs eat?
- Fossils

Volcanoes

- Homemade eruptions, explain Pompeii

Stonehenge (3100 B.C.)

- Explain the design of the stones—what was the purpose of this structure? Have kids create their own Stonehenge using marshmallows or candy

Ancient Greece

- Olympic events/races
- First Olympics in Greece – make gold medals or Ivy crowns

Building of the Coliseum (in A.D. 79)

- Explain who the Romans were and why the Coliseum was built. Have the kids pretend they are the emperors and have them design what they would build to impress the world.

Building Pyramids in Egypt

- Geometry-based building project
- Mummy wrapping contests

Mayas, Incas, Aztecs

- Describe the great temples each built
- Write in hieroglyphics

~1173 to 1350: Building of the Leaning Tower of Pisa

- Explain gravity—how does the Tower stay standing?

Shakespeare

- Ink and feather writing
- Globe theater

The Great Wall of China (constructed ~1368-1644)

- Have kids write his/her name on and design a “brick” and put all together and create a wall.

Marco Polo

- Finds Chinese pasta and brings it to Europe—make pasta necklaces

Magellan

- Kids can create their own routes to sail around the world
- Do math calculations to figure out the distance to sail around the world

1492: Columbus sails to the Americas

- Students could come up with a reason for exploring (lack of resources, etc) then work to draft a petition to a king/queen/leader for funding to explore
- The geography of Columbus' journey possibly charting your own course on a map and seeing where you (the elem. student) would land if you're navigating a ship
- Sacagawea (Native American who helped the pilgrims)

Search for the Fountain of Youth

- Have students create their own “youth serum”
- Write a story about what it would be like to be young forever

1776: America gains independence, Declaration of Independence

- Have a copy of the declaration of Independence and let kids sign it, make amendments
- Make US flags, create your own US flag, read Dec. of Independence

Boston Tea Party

Wild Wild West

- Play horseshoes
- Oregon Trail—map route through US
- Louisiana Purchase—when did the US finally become what it is today? Have a puzzle with different pieces of land as the US slowly expanded west

Civil War

- Emancipation Proclamation
- Gettysburg

Industrial Revolution

- Teams of little kids compete in a relay race type event to demonstrate how teamwork makes production more effective

Invention of Model T by Henry Ford

- Have main parts of a car on paper and have kids put them on a model of a car (ie: pin the steering wheel on the car)

1817: Founding of U of M!!

- Teach Hail to the victors
- Describe Michigan history—“Michigan throughout time”

Important discoveries:

- Alexander Graham Bell—make telephones out of cups and strings
- Ben Franklin's kite

1886: Statue of Liberty is dedicated in NY, NY

- Explain democracy, create statue of liberty crowns and torches

Invention of small pox vaccine, penicillin

1920: Women get the right to vote

- Sample voting ballot, vote for the best kids fair booth

1929: Stock market crash, The Great Depression

Invention of the airplane

- Show the evolution of the airplane, explain simple aerodynamics, have kids make paper airplanes to show the pointed ones fly better than square ones.
- Amelia Earhart

Titanic

Invention of Barbie Doll

1941: Building of Mt. Rushmore

- Have kids color a mural showing what their face would look like carved into a mountain

Bombing at Pearl Harbor/World War 1

- Battleship type of game, making airplanes

1960s

- Dressing up in 60s fashions
- Martin Luther King, Jr. "I have a dream" speech

1969: 1st Astronaut in space, 1st Man on the moon

- Making a space shuttle out of candy
- Moonwalk/moon shoes
- Fake moon rocks
- Make a flag you'll put on the moon
- Taste test astronaut food
- Draw pictures of space/moon
- Learn about gravity, solar system
- Figure out your weight on the moon

1974: Building of the Sears Tower

- Describe how it's one of the worlds tallest skyscrapers—have Lego building competitions (who can build the highest skyscraper)

Gravity

- Have kids figure out their weight on the Earth, the moon, Mars, Jupiter, etc.

Time Travel

- Make/decorate a personal time capsule
- Write stories about what time they would like to travel to