

**Yosemite National Park Contract:**  
**Required Assignments**

**Due Date: March 5, 2010**

**Points Possible: 10**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Return the Parent and Learner Signature Form

**Due Date: March 12, 2010**

**Points Possible: 30**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

On a map of California, use a marker ('high-lighter') to trace the route from your home (or Carriage School) to Yosemite National Park.

On a separate piece of paper, list the directions to the park by identifying the freeways, highways, etc. of the route. Also, mention how many miles it will take you to reach your destination. You may use Map Quest to get this information from the computer. (Please write the directions in your own handwriting.)(size 9x12)

**Due Date: March 26, 2010**

**Points Possible: 50**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Historical information: Write about the cultural heritage or background information, and events that helped to shape the park. Tell how and why Yosemite became a national park.

**Due Date: April 16, 2010**

**Points Possible: 30**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Select one of the landmarks located in Yosemite National Park to describe. Draw a picture of it and include any interesting facts about the landmark.

1. Yosemite Falls
2. Vernal Falls
3. Bridal Veil Falls
4. Half Dome
5. El Capitan

Students will have a chance to view all these landmarks while in the park.

## Mammals of the Sierra Nevada

The following is a list of mammals of the Sierra Nevada. These mammals are the most commonly seen Sierra species. Choose one to research. Tell what your mammal's habitat is and include any interesting facts about your animal. You may include pictures, drawings, maps or charts that will be of interest to the reader.

1. Beaver
2. Belding Ground Squirrel
3. Bushytail Woodrat
4. Porcupine
5. Yellow-bellied Marmot
6. Lodgepole Chipmunk
7. Pine Marten
8. Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel
9. Ringtail Raccoon
10. California Ground squirrel
11. Pika
12. Mule Deer
13. Bighorn Sheep
14. Raccoon
15. Opossum
16. California Bat
17. Chickaree
18. Striped Skunk
19. Western Gray Squirrel
20. Bobcat
21. Mountain Lion
22. Gray Fox
23. Coyote
24. Black Bear (The Black Bear is native to the Sierra, however I would prefer students select one of the mammals from 1 to 23. ) We will be learning about the Black Bear in the classroom.

**Due Date: April 30, 2010**

**Points Possible: 30**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Design a Postcard of the park to send to a friend or relative.

**Due Date: May 7, 2010**

**Points Possible: 50**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Select one of the mammals from the Sierra Nevada work sheet and write about that animal. Include photos, drawings, or pictures from magazines to show off your mammal. See attached sheet : Mammals of the Sierra Nevada

**Due Date: May 7, 2010**

**Points Possible: 10**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

Make a list of references that you used to write your information. Use a separate piece of paper.

Newspapers

Magazines

Mrs. Courter

Books

Internet

videos

**To be completed after our trip to Yosemite.**

**Due Date: May 24, 2010**

**Points Possible: 50**

**Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_**

**To be completed in class.** Write a one page reflection page about an activity, landform, accommodations, meals, (breakfast, lunch, or dinner), animals you saw, etc. and tell about it. Be sure to include your feelings about your stay in the park. You may wish to share your ideas on how you would maintain or improve the park. In addition, you may think of environmental and /or renovation issues or problems facing Yosemite.

Each student should be prepared to read this paper on the evening that we have set aside for parents after the trip. Time and date to follow.