

Hugh Sakols of El Portal Elementary School has his students do a National Parks Project based on the history and significance of the National Parks as are part of our American heritage. The mission of the National Park Service is to protect natural and cultural resources and to provide for the enjoyment of the people. Based on this, students are asked to include the following in their project:

- Describe what makes your park extraordinary.
- Describe where your park is located. Include the nearest large city with airport and train station.
- What natural resources are worth protecting?
- What cultural resources are worth protecting? If you have difficulty with this think about what is the history of your park and what we have learned from it.
- What recreational opportunities are found in your park?
- Instead of listing the species found in your park, choose 2 or 3 plants or animals that interest you, and explain how they live in their environment and what makes them unique and worth protecting.
- Include at least 3 images that represent your park. You may download these from the internet as long as you have permission (refer to your copyright page for the guidelines).