

What in the World is Passport Club?

Passport Club is an international geography enrichment program that all Cedar Mill students, grades 1st through 5th, participate in. It is a volunteer-run program in which students learn world locations and are able to identify them on a map. The extra-curricular program is designed to develop and expand a student's knowledge of the world and to encourage an enthusiasm for learning.

How It Works: Each month a map corresponding to your student's grade level of study will be sent home. The children will study the places on the map and practice identifying them on their blank study map. On the last school Friday of the month volunteers will check the student's knowledge. For each level a student passes, they choose from a tray of beautiful stamps to place in their passports. Each month the cycle will be repeated with a new set of locations. Passports will remain at school until the end of the school year when they are sent home with students.

Levels of Study: There are 5 levels of study that the student can choose from. The program is designed to have children study and test in the level corresponding to their grade. Study maps will be passed out according to your child's grade level. ****If a teacher/parent or student wishes to change their level, they may exchange their study packet in the office.****

Passport Club Study Levels:

1st Grade – Level One	Approx. 5 – 7 locations to learn per month
2nd Grade – Level Two	* <u>Locations from Level 1 plus</u> approx. 5 more locations to learn per month.
3rd Grade – Level Three	* <u>Locations from Levels 1 and 2 plus</u> approx. 5 more locations to learn per month.
4th Grade – Level Four	* <u>Locations from Levels 1, 2 and 3 plus</u> approx. 6 to 10 more locations to learn per month.
5th Grade – Level Five	* <u>Locations from Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 plus</u> the capitols of the countries from Level 1.

****For example – Level Two testers need to know the locations of Level One and Level Two – not just the locations of Level Two.***

Level choices are flexible. A student can choose at any time to change the level they are studying. At check dates, the student need only test for the level they feel prepared for regardless of the level they chose to study. It is recommended that students study level by level – for example, a student studying level 3 should first learn the locations from level 1 first, then level 2 and then level 3.

Check Day:

1. Your child will go with their class to the cafeteria. Each child sits with a volunteer at a check table. The volunteer will have a large blank map like the blank study map. The volunteer will ask the child to point to the location of each item that is on that month's "level" map previously distributed to your child.
2. After being tested each child proceeds to the stamp station where they may select their stamps, each child receives one stamp for each level successfully completed.
3. A child can miss one location in each of levels 1, 2 and 3 and two locations in levels 4 and 5.
4. *Re-Check: If they miss more than the maximum, they will get a chance to re-check the following week. If they were absent on the check day they will have a chance to be checked on re-check day.*

Passport Club Success Tips:

1. ***This is an extra-curricular program – home study is essential to your child's success. Teachers will be reinforcing the lessons at school but it is set up to be a homework study program.***
2. **Study at home!** ☺ This can be fun... use the internet to learn more about the countries they are studying – what types of food do they eat, etc.
3. Encourage "study buddies" – siblings, friends, neighbors... many local schools participate in the program.
4. Consider your family/school/vacation/holiday calendar as you discuss with your child their level selection each month. If it is an extra busy month you may want to consider a lower level so that your child is not frustrated.
5. Enjoy learning with your child.

Any questions or ideas? Contact Mandy Jahn jahnfamily@comcast.net or (503) 291-6954

This program exists only because of parent volunteers. Please consider giving us a hand! Checkers can help out only one time or throughout the year. No time during the day? We have plenty of prep/cutting work. If you are interested in helping with the Passport Club please contact Mandy. Thank you!