

March 2nd - 6th 2009

- **Map Skills** -



Today we begin our yearly unit on MAP SKILLS! For the next week our students will explore to the ends of the earth - using many different types of maps including: physical maps, population maps, political maps, topographical maps, oceanic floor maps, grid maps and more. We will also focus on;

- ★ How to read a map using the Key/Legend, scale, map symbols & the compass.
- ★ What is a Cartographer & what do they do?
- ★ Identifying latitudinal & longitudinal markers such as The Equator, Prime Meridian, North & South Pole, and more.
- ★ Locating various land forms including, mountains, islands, bays, archipelagoes, volcanoes, and dunes.

We will also focus on mapping on a local level. Demonstrating the use of a neighborhood & community map, as well as making maps of our classroom, and even of their rooms at home. At circle we will feature stories that show children using maps in their own lives to solve problems, help others, and even find treasure!

If your family has **interesting maps** to share with us over the next week please bring it in for display!

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