

Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade will practice reading, writing, and researching skills as well as following directions and speaking skills through an interactive videoconferencing project.

Two classrooms will be paired up for each session. Before the videoconference session, each class will read the story <u>The Mitten</u> by Jan Brett. The class will use the mitten cut-outs and animals suggested on the wiki (<u>http://elearningconnect.pbworks.com/The-Mitten</u>) to create a mitten with animals. Each class will then learn about each animal in the story and write clues about each animal. The classes will then connect via a videoconference to have the class guess what animal the other class has hidden in their mitten by the clues given.

<u>Timeline:</u>

• January 7, 2011: Registration on CAPspace closes. Register on CAPspace at <u>http://projects.twice.cc</u> Please make sure to include the following information:

- Name
- School
- Grade Level
- E-mail address
- Please pick an available time on February 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Choose from these time slots:
 - 8:30-9:15 9:30-10:15 10:30-11:15 11:30-12:15 12:30-1:15 1:30-2:15
- January 10th January 14th: Connection information will be shared.
- Test connections with partner schools by January 28th.
- Tuesday, February 1, Wednesday, February 2, and Thursday February 3: The Mitten videoconferences with partner school.

Videoconferencing AGENDA: (40 minutes)

- Welcome and Introductions: (5 minutes)
 - $\circ~$ Each class shows where they are on a map and introduces themselves in some way.
- Each class shares their favorite part of the story and why. (5 minutes)
- Presentations: (20 minutes)
 - Classroom A:
 - Description of Animal
 - Classroom B:
 - Guess the Animal
 - Classroom B:
 - Description of Animal
 - Classroom A:
 - Guess the Animal
- Closing: (10 minutes)
 - \circ $\,$ Classes share their mittens and ask each other questions.

For More Information, please contact:

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