

# THIRD GRADE PLANET PROJECT

As we begin our unit on the Solar System and prepare to visit the Clark Planetarium, it's time for our next project! Please follow the directions below.

1. Pick a planet in our solar system. \_\_\_\_\_ (Not Earth)
2. Research facts about your planet. Write down 10 of them. These can be neatly hand-written or typed. Make sure they are complete sentences.
3. Make a model of your planet. Be creative! You can use poster board, styrofoam, salt dough, etc. Be sure to label the planet's name as well as your own on your project! We will display them in our classroom for a couple of weeks.
4. Create a short commercial about your planet (1-3 minutes is enough). Tell us why your planet is the best. It's okay if it's funny! We already know Earth is the best planet and the only place we could survive, but get creative and convince us to come visit your chosen planet. You may invite other third graders to help you with your commercial. This may be a video commercial or a short skit performed live for the class.

If you do a video presentation you can either email it to me, or bring it in on a flash drive.

You may work with another student for the commercial, but the model and fact sheet need to be done and turned in independently.

5. Be prepared to share your commercial, planet fact sheet, and planet model with the class on the day that it's due!

You will be graded on the following criteria:

Were you prepared on the due date? /20pts

Was your commercial planned and thought out? /20pts

Did you have a fact sheet with 10 important facts about your planet written in complete sentences? /30pts

Did you make a nice model of your planet to display in class with the planet name and your name clearly labeled? /30pts