

Creating a Street Map

Objective:

To learn and practice mapping skills.

You will need:

- *My Neighborhood Map* grid - 2 copies
- clipboard
- compass (directional)
- pencil
- map pencils
- ruler



Instructions:

Teachers/Parents:

1. Discuss maps and how they are made.
2. Show some examples of street maps. Discuss what is on the maps.
3. Take your students for a walk around the block where you live. Have each student take along a clipboard, one copy of *My Neighborhood Map*, a compass and a pencil.
4. Give the students guidelines in advance of what areas to include on the map.
5. Emphasize that you are not making a scale map.

Students:

1. As you walk around the block. Do a rough sketch of your neighborhood. Include streets, street names, buildings and other landmarks. Also include a simple directional compass.
2. When you return home, draw a more detailed map on the second copy of *My Neighborhood Map*. Refer to the rough sketch from the first copy to help you remember.
3. Label streets, buildings, and landmarks. Include symbols and a legend.
4. Color the map.

Hints:

- The map is not to scale, but do your best to estimate distances and keep them proportional on the map.

Hands-On Map Skills

My Neighborhood Map

Legend:

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