Entry Document

From a Kids Point of View

Essential Question: How do I make my opinion count or matter?

Paper or Plastic? This question will be asked to every student as they walk through the door. Without giving any other information, I will had them their bag of choice. You hear that question in just about every store you shop in. Why do people choose one over the other? Which is really best, and for what reasons? During this project we will get information to help us form an opinion. Once an opinion is formed, we’ll discover ways to make it count! Although fourth graders cannot officially vote in our democratic society, there are many ways to inform, or create awareness, for voting adults. Adults are often making decisions that will have an effect on your life when you are a grown up, therefore your opinion is really important. Students will complete a webquest (located at <http://chalk.richmond.edu/education/projects/webquests/paper/index.html>) to get information and keep track of how opinions change when given more information about a subject.

The Paper or Plastic “grabber” will create an awareness of everyday decisions that make an impact into the future. There are good reasons to choose, or not to choose, either paper or plastic, so after facts are found regarding each choice, an opinion can be formed based on those facts. Groups of students can share their opinions in the form of a poster which will be distributed to local grocery stores. From the beginning of the project a list of similar topics that are interesting to students will be kept to be used in part two of this project.