



Maine Book Project

This is a long-term research project completed by all 4th graders at St. Dominic Academy. Although we will formally study Maine in the fourth quarter, it is necessary for students to begin thinking about this project early.

Formal directions will be given out in the Fall. Projects will be due in April.

Over the summer, students can begin brainstorming a list of people, places, events, products, and animals that are **unique to Maine** or have made a special contribution to our state.

Students are expected to highlight one topic for each letter of the alphabet. They should branch out and include topics from as many corners of the state as possible. The project will include creatively decorated pages with visual aids and **cursive handwritten** paragraphs for each item. The book should be original and personal. Students can sort through family photos for possible ideas. They may use brochures, postcards, magazine photos, newspaper articles, business cards, flyers, etc. to help them illustrate their topics.

Although parents may be tempted to jump right into this project with their child, it is expected that the students will do all written work and decorating. Parents may assist with locating resources and materials to be used to complete the project. Parents will need to help students manage their time and set goals through the process. Parents can ensure that students meet deadlines on time.

The projects are designed to help students learn and teach about our great state. They become a treasured keepsake in families. Students should put forth their best efforts, as this will be a major project they create in 4th grade.

Have fun exploring our state!