

Celebrate with a Culminating Event

Organize a celebration event that showcases a product demonstrating students' learning:

- Youth share their answer to the driving question
- May be something youth do or create
- Demonstrate content/skills learned
- Motivating and rewarding

Examples include: video, play, collage, website, song, proposal, panel discussion . This celebration helps youth refine their life skills in communication, leadership, and team building.

Tools to success for teachers:

<http://ostprojects.wordpress.com/forms/>

Find the forms and templates that will help you structure your PBL program. You can use the Power Point program to provide training to your staff!

Check Out These Videos about PBL

Visit www.edutopia.org and search for:

- From worms to wall street (elementary)
- Five year olds pilot their own learning (elementary)
- Wetland Watchers (middle school)

Notice how each showcases PBL and its outcomes.

Research says:

Students are more excited about learning, because in the PBL process, they design what they want to learn. Research has also shown improvement in test scores by using a PBL approach. PBL also gives youth the chance to work together to learn and solve problems—something they will have to do as adults.

Next month's Third Semester Topic:

Goal Setting and Evaluating Summer

References:

www.edutopia.org (This site was started by George Lucas—creator of STAR WARS)

<http://ostprojects.wordpress.com> (National Summer Learning Association Conference 2011 by Karen Smuck Tylek) Site also has sample projects too.

<http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/>

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic43.htm> (Shows differences between project-based, problem based, and inquiry-based learning.)

Let's Talk More About The Third Semester!

Ask for a free conference call about this topic!

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