Mystery Skype

Developmental Benefits of Play: Communicative, Social, Cognitive



Focus Skills/Subject: Geography, Research, Observation, Recording, Communication, Speaking

Grades: 1-7

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It's more than play!

A great way to learn the geography of the US! Go to the site Skype in the Classroom, to find another classroom from the US wanting to Skype. Set up a day/time that works for both classes (remember to factor in the time zones). Prepare various yes/no questions ahead of time that will help students guess the location of the other classroom. A great first question could be, "Are you located east/west of Mississippi?". Assign students different jobs to perform during the session, such as question asker, or answerer, think tank, google mappers, state eliminators.

Materials:

- Webcam
- Skype Account
- Maps



This play-based lesson activity was submitted by Jennifer Druffel from Adams Elementary.