

Grade: Kindergarten

Curriculum: Social Studies

Tools: Smart Board, Zoom or Skype, and Chromebooks

For this social studies lesson I think it would be an amazing idea to Skype into a class in a different part of our country. This is something I did in high school and it was such a cool experience. Students should be asked to draft at least 1 question each that they would want to ask the students in the other class. Once the call is set up, each classroom can describe that their day looks like, what the weather is, fun things they like to do, and what they are learning right now. A lot of times students feel like they are in a bubble so this would help them see a new part of life they have never experienced. A big theme in my classroom is learning about different cultures and being accepting so this could fit right into that. A fun game could be played comparing words commonly used in each region. For example, if I was Skyping a class from the south, we would put up a picture of a Pepsi bottle and we could call it “pop” where the southerners might call it “coke.” It would be such a fun game to play to show students that being different is normal and not everyone thinks the same way as us. It would be a big benefit to have a teacher connection as well because they could collaborate and create a support system. Students could also practice writing emails to students as a “pen pal” and create friends in a different place than their hometown. It is also a friendly reminder that most 5 year olds haven’t left the state they were born in so they might need to see pictures of the place they are Skyping into.