



ROCK OUR WORLD!

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Rock Our World is an exciting way for students to collaborate with other students, and at the same time learn about their world! It involves using the entire iLife Suite from Apple.

Students collaborate across geographical boundaries to make collaborative movies, songs, and tell their stories. They also meet each other in iSight videoconferences to discuss their schools, cultures, and meet new friends around the globe!

GarageBand:

A big part of Rock Our World is GarageBand! Students learn to become music composers using this application. Involved in this project are eight countries, on 6 separate continents!

It is as if each country starts off with blank staff paper. All at once, eight countries write a drum track. They turn in that drum track to an Internet site, that all countries can reach (someone's iDisk, website, project board, etc.), and pick up their next track.

Each Friday, the songs are added to, with each country adding the same type of instrument. They travel in a circle around the world. By the time the songs finish their travels, eight countries on six continents will have helped to compose the original drum track of each country.

The finished songs will be put onto iTunes as MP3 files. They then can be put on any CD player, computer, or iPod!

iPhoto and Documentation:

Each student involved write stories about 1- themselves, 2- their family, 3- their school, and 4- their community. They also take digital pictures of each of these categories.

Photos and stories are also uploaded to a shared website. As the students are sharing their music, they are also sharing about their hopes and dreams. They are sharing with their world about how their schools operate, what subjects are taught, and what types of things go on in their communities.

It is an amazing thing! Kids are so curious as to how things may be different in each country. But they soon discover how similar we all are!

All the stories are compiled into a book that each country can keep!

iChat:

One of the most motivating aspects of this project is iChat. Each week students from all over the world come together via iSight cameras to meet each other face-to-face. It is a thrill! It's a favorite part because kids hear other accents, view money from around the world, see what other classrooms look like, and talk about their favorite subjects...themselves!

Instantaneously they learn how similar they are! The first time they realize that most countries have McDonalds and Sponge Bob is an exciting moment!

iMovie:

In the same collaborative spirit of GarageBand, the students are coming together to create movies together.

The first movie each class does is an Introduction Video. This video introduces the students, teacher, and country to the rest of the team. This movie is very short, as the students will soon be sharing their stories with each other.

The last movie is a Reflection Video. This movie is a true collaborative effort of all classes. This movie will end up being a short documentary of the story of your adventure!

The Reflection Video is separated into segments: Introduction, How it All Began, Applications (GarageBand, Stories, iMovie, iChat), Conclusion. The students create production teams... many of which are not in the same country! They work to share movie clips and share files. The underscore music is, of course, the original music they created in Garage Band!

All movies are put together in iDVD.

In the end, they will have a finished product ready to be broadcast on DVD, TV, Internet, etc!

NOTE: Students from every country that are involved need to have release forms signed by parents!

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