

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have come to that time of year where fifth-grade students research and write a state report and design a state float. Most of the research and writing will be done at school, along with a digital portion they will be presenting in class.

The floats will need to be put together at home. The guidelines for the student floats are as follows:

State Float: Due Monday, May 7th

Students are to make a miniature float (not a diorama) representing your state. Follow the steps below:

- Use a shoebox. Your float may not be bigger than 14 x 14 inches.
- Completely cover the outside of the box (e.g. tissue paper, foil, colored rice that is glued on, construction paper, etc.)
- Design the top part of your float using creativity and imagination Think about what you have learned about your state's national parks, motto, symbols, etc. Take some of these scenes, replicas, or figures that represent your state, placing them on the top in an appealing way.
- Somewhere on the float you must have the name of your state.
- Your state float should resemble a real float in a parade. Think about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day or Tournament of Roses parade floats.
- Don't forget your name!
- Be creative, and have fun!