

Agenda Item C - Curriculum Spotlight

Mineola Elementary School – Kids University

Kids University is an inquiry based Learning and Project Based Learning incorporating technology and virtual learning experiences.

Kids University Core groups at the elementary school have learned about internet safety and created PowerPoint presentations to teach their classmates. They have also built towers out of index cards to represent keeping an animal elevated and safe, and are currently building recycled race cars, based on the Dakar Rally and the recycling culture of Senegal.

This group has just finished a project through ePals, where the kids learned about email etiquette, checked and replied to emails, participated in student discussions with kids around the US and world, created, posted, and critiqued products as a part of a global wiki, and posted to their project blog. They are getting ready to begin a cultural exchange with China, also through ePals.

Kids University Commuter kids have come in during open lab times and researched numerous topics, from hurricanes and earthquakes to stingrays and dolphins to guns and race cars. Some of the products they've created to share their learning are PowerPoint presentations, letters to family members, Microsoft Publisher posters, Prezi Presentations, and Aurasma Auras.