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I have said I don't want your money but I changed my mind after yesterday; I have been trying to build my first grade on volunteer labor and it isn't working; I need it to be ready to go in Brooklyn by Sept 2011; I realized yesterday that, although your fantasy island commune is just that, you will in fact someday do something like it; and then you too will need the school I want to build: but I need it now: first grade will cost about 150K to build which is within your normal academic contribution range I think; so I am asking you for it;

description below

First Grade

Roger Schank

Twelve boys each paying \$12,500 per year, meet with one teacher in a rented room in Park Slope. The curriculum they study is entirely project-based. Each project starts by reading about what they will do and planning out how to do it. They will make budgets and assign jobs to each student. They will plan the time and materials needed. They will build things that 6 year old boys like to build. They figure out how and where to purchase supplies. They will build various things and then have races if contests using what they have built. If they build an airplane they will try to fly it in the park. Then they build robots and compete with their robot against others student's robots. The teacher does not teach them what to do, she simply points them towards materials and makes sure they stay focused.

When they are finished, they present what they have done to another group of boys in another city. They compare their results and then criticize, in writing, what the other class has done. They try again and try to improve. They write a newsletter about what they did. Later, they make a movie about what they did. They write the script as soon as they are able to do that. Later, they plan a trip to visit the other groups in Florida or Chicago or wherever they are. They make friends with the other kids in other cities and create Facebook pages about their activities so they can see how they compare to the other group. They teach each other and learn about the place that the others live. Eventually they plan a trip to visit the other kids.

The First Grade Activities

Robot building

Airplane building

Bridge Building

Kite Flying

City Planning

Food Preparation

Map Drawing

Football, Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball

Newsletter Writing

Computer Use

Diagnosis of Illness and Treatment of Animals

Orchestra

Spanish language

Movie Making

Trip Planning

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