



Q: What is Brown's World?

A: Brown's World is a geography program sponsored and coordinated by the PTO. Each month students receive maps to study. They are tested on the last Wednesday of the month. Brown's World is extracurricular and students study at home.

Q: Do all students participate?

A: Brown's World is for students in grades 1 through 5. Students learn about continents, countries and features of the world. Beginning in 3rd grade they begin to study the United States as well. There are five levels of countries and features to study. Typically, a first grader studies level 1, a second grader studies levels 1 and 2. A third grader studies levels 1, 2, and 3, etc. Your child is welcome to study for a level other than their grade. Simply notify the Brown's World coordinator, (below), of a permanent level change or have your child notify the tester on test day. The program is optional, and students may opt out.

Q: What if my child didn't get a map?

A: Maps and an outline for the year are available on the LP Brown website, under the "For Families" tab. http://brown.osd.wednet.edu/for_families/browns_world

Q: What if my child is absent on testing day?

A: Retesting is offered for these students, and is usually done the following week.

Q: Are there prizes?

A: Children who pass get to choose from a selection of canceled postage stamps from around the world and glue these into their 'passports'. A special trophy is presented each month to the class with the highest passing percentage. Individual recognition is provided at the end of the year to those students who passed Brown's World tests. Based on their results, students may be eligible for a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal.

Q: This program sounds great! How can I participate?

A: Brown's World is a fun, valuable, and entertaining volunteer opportunity. Testing takes only 2 to 3 hours one morning a month. And with many different ways to help, it is not necessary to be a geography buff. Can't make it on Wednesdays? There are a few other ways to help out. Please contact the Brown's World coordinator, Collette Rauch, at 360-259-3581 or collette.rauch@live.com with any questions you may have or if you are interested in volunteering.