State Project

Day 1:
- State Name (You can make a print-out or cut out letters)
- State Abbreviation
- Map of the state to include: Capital, 3-4 major cities, borders (states, country, and/or ocean) This should be on an 8 ½ x 11 inch paper and hand drawn not computer generated.
- US Map with state colored in (This is a small inset map we will give to you.)
- Geography – landforms and waterways (Written in paragraph format)
- Population (as of 2016 or more recent)
- Year of statehood
- Rank order of state (population and size)
- Region of US located in
- Time Zone(s)
- Typical Climate (weather) (Written in paragraph format)
Day 2:
  o State Flag (Picture)
  o Natural Resources (written in paragraph format)
  o Major Products / Industries
  o Historic Sites (at least 4 – written in paragraph format – include pictures)
  o Unique Features (What does the state have that is special and not found in other parts of the US?) (Written in paragraph format)
  o State nickname
  o State motto
  o State song
  o State bird (picture)
  o State flower (picture)
  o State Seal (picture)
Day 3:

- Famous People Born in the state: elected officials, military leaders, entertainers, athletes, authors, artists, musicians)
  (Choose 5 or 6 people and write a brief description (6-8 sentences) of his/her contribution) (Pictures)
- Travel Brochure – You will be making a visitor’s guide for your state. On one side you will draw 5 different places of interest that tourists would want to visit in your state. On the reverse side of each drawing, you will briefly describe the place of interest and what a visitor would expect to see.

I would suggest going to netstate.com to find the names of your famous people. Wonderful resource!!!
Curriculum Standards:
Social Studies - Regions of the United States 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, and 4.13
Reading RI 4.2, RI 4.7, RI 4.9, RI 4.10
Writing W4.2, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 4.10
Language 4.6
Dear Families,

The fourth grade team met to decide on the content of the Blizzard Bag. Each year students in 4th grade create a state project following specific guidelines. Your child’s Blizzard Bag gives your student the opportunity to work on this project. A specific state has been pre-assigned and we have created a day by day guideline for your child to follow. In addition we are providing a list of websites your child should use for research. Your child may also choose to borrow books from the school or city library. It is expected that the information gathered by your child will be returned to school in rough draft form and will be polished here for the presentation board. All work will be collected on Monday, May 18th. If your child does not have access to technology at home, students may go to community locations (ie. Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Athenaeum). If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact your child’s teacher by email and/or the school.
Suggested Resources:

- www.50states.com
- www.infoplease.com/states
- www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/states/
- www.theus50.com
- www.netstate.com

Kid Friendly Search Engines:

- Ducksters.com
- Safesearchkids.com
- Kiddle.co
- KidRex.org