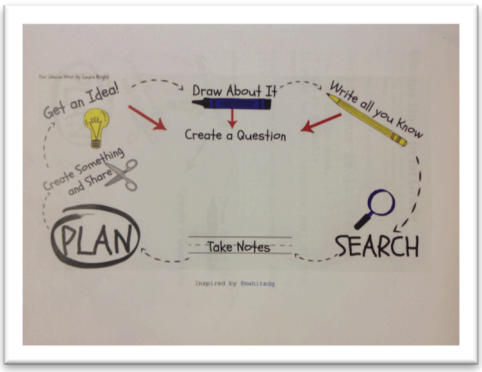
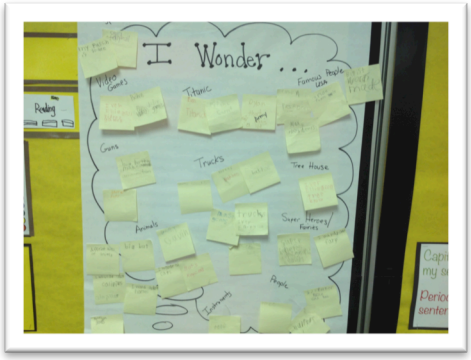
Genius Hour
First Grade



Hour One – Wall of Wonder

1. Show the Kid President Video AND the one that describes Genius Hour. Students are in charge and just start brainstorming ideas and put it on Post Its.
2. Write up norms and post.

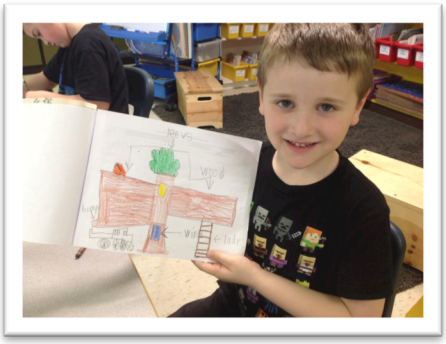


Hour Two – Get an Idea

1. Review the Wall of Wonder and chose Post It that will be their topic.
2. Conference with me on topic.
3. Decorate journal cover.
4. Write the "I Wonder" Statement (could be on their cover).

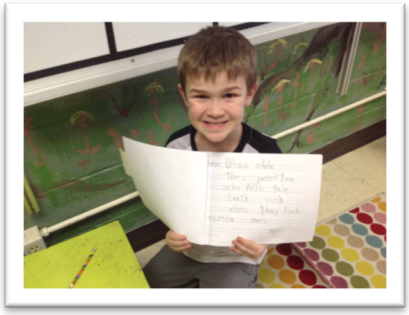
Hour Three – Draw About It

1. Draw sketches and illustrations of everything they know about their topic in their Learning Journal.
2. Include labels and information.



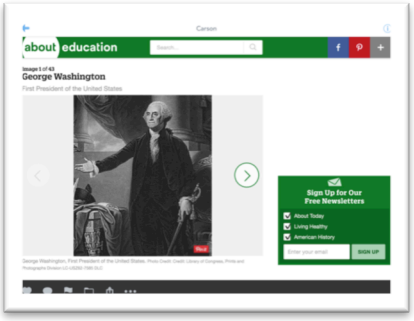
Hour Four – Write About It

1. Students make a list of everything they already know about their topic.
2. Discuss the driving question and the difference between a Google question and a Genius question.



Hour Five – Search

1. Use books and read.
2. Discuss digital citizenship then use Ipads, show Kidrex.org.Make a chart of websites they can use.

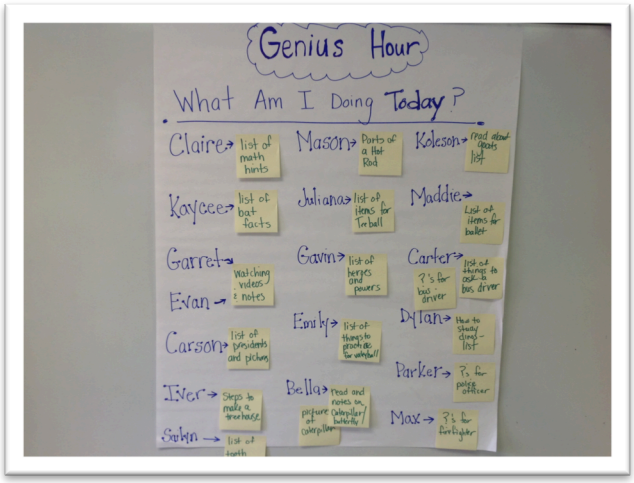


Hour Six – Take Notes

1. List resources the students could use: people, books, videos and speakers. Our notes consisted of "lists" and pictures that help answer our driving question. The students used their learning journals and their Ipads with the app SeeSaw to collect the information.

Hour Seven – Plan

1. Once the students have their information, use sheet to fill out plan for project to exhibit. Student projects include: creating a book, poster, box project, model, Imovie or Prezi.



Hour Nine and Ten – Create

1. May want some help as they create with their writing. This may require some additional adult supervision.

Hour Eleven – Public Exhibition

1. Hold an open house inviting parents and present projects.