MAPPING YOUR BLOCK

The lay-out on the next page is a starting point for a personal map of the block on which your family lives.

Here is what you need to set up this project:
> paper
> crayons

We have provided five outlines for you to use to help children describe in pictures the places on the block. There are three important outcomes for this project: 1) student will use words to describe a real place; 2) student will get to know the neighborhood better; 3) student will get increase map skills

Step 1: Write the name of your street on Outline 1.

Step 2: Explain that a map is a way of showing where places are.

Step 3: Start with your own home. Use outline 2 to show it.

Have your child draw pictures in each section of that outline.
(Remember that the question about "who works here" is everyone--every person in your family does jobs. Your child should draw a picture to show them doing those jobs.)

Step 4: Write words to label the people your child draws.

Step 5: Write your home address on the page, too.

Step 6: One at a time, help your child complete each of the other outlines.

Step 7: When you finish the five outlines, fill in the map on Outline 1.

Step 8: Start a display for this map.
If possible, put the outline sheets on a wall on which you use a strip of paper to show the street.

Step 9: Keep going--you can add more places, you can go to the next block. The rest is up to you.

My Block

This is the name of my street: _____

Here are five places on my block. I will show what they look like and who lives or works there on the next pages.

_____
_____

These are some of the things I like about my block.

MY HOME

This is a picture of my home.

These are the people who live here:
(Draw a picture of each person who lives here.)

Who Works Here:
Draw a picture of the people who live in this home doing a job.

THE PLACE NEXT DOOR

This is a picture of the place next door.

This is its address number: _____

This picture shows what happens in this place.

A PLACE ON OUR BLOCK

This is a picture of a building on my block.

This is its address number: _____

This picture shows what happens in this place.