Dear Students & Parents,

For the past few days in Social Studies we have been studying the intriguing subject of immigration at the turn of the twentieth century. We have learned about their venture over to America, the time they spent at Ellis Island, and their new lives in America. Now it’s time to learn a little about the stories of the people in our lives. We will be starting an oral history project!

Here is what we’re going to do:

Step 1: Choose a person to interview who has personally immigrated to the United States or who knows the history of their relatives immigrating. Check out this list of people if you need some suggestions:

Family
- Mother
- Father
- Grandmother
- Grandfather
- Aunts or Uncles

Neighborhood
- A lifelong resident of your hometown
- A veteran
- An immigrant
- A friend’s interesting relative

School
- A prior teacher
- The principal
- The technology expert
- A school sports hero

Community
- The mayor
- A police officer
- A fire fighter or EMT
- A veterinarian
- Or even a taxi driver, pizza maker, builder, sanitation worker, dog groomer…

Everyone has a story! If it's interesting to you, it's probably interesting to others!

Step 2: Gather information about your person and develop a set of questions to ask them about their experience.
Step 3: Conduct an interview.
Step 4: Create a project to share your interview with the class. This can be a written report, a video, or something creative that you come up with.

This project will be due February 18th and we will spend some time sharing them with the class. NO late assignments will be accepted although early projects are welcome. Mrs. Bunyi and I are looking forward to your finished projects and we hope that you get to see how these things we learned have a real impact in the lives of people all around us.

Good Luck!!