

International project «Copybook of Friendship – uniting children of the Earth»

What is more interesting than a round-the-world trip or an adventure geography game? Waiting for new letters from your new friends? Exciting quizzes and new discoveries from your peers from around the globe? We have the answer for you - International project «Copybook of Friendship – uniting children of the Earth». This project starts a series of international campaigns in the course of the «Copybook of Friendship» National Association for Education Development's activities in 2017.

International long-term project «Copybook of Friendship – uniting children of the Earth» is aimed at letting schoolchildren from different countries learn about cultural and social heritage, family traditions and leisure of their foreign peers. A Copybook of Friendship serves as a diary where children can tell about themselves, their hobbies, friends, families and their country; children can also learn about life of children from other countries.

Main goal is to create conditions for friendship and long-term cooperation for children and youth from different countries.

Participation is open for schoolchildren without regard to nationality, place of living, social status and physical abilities.

Simple step-by-step guidelines to take part:

You will need to:

1. Get a copybook from the Copybook of Friendship organizing team.
2. Form a team that consists of 3-30 people (a small group of friends or a class).
3. Take a group-photo (or separate photos of each participant), paste in the photo (-s) on the first page of a Copybook. Write down a story about your team (it should include information about your country, city, school, hobbies). Creative approach is needed (poems, pictures, drawings, etc.).
4. Fulfill the application form on the website: <http://tetradka.org.ru/forms/un/>
After applying, your team will get information about a recipient (organizing team will share a list of possible recipients) you need to send your Copybook with the information and a task or quiz to. A task for your new pen friends should be devoted to history, culture, achievements in science or sport your pen friends' city or country is famous for. Your task or quiz should be interactive (e.g.: to hold a special lesson devoted to the task; to create an adventure game while walking a city, etc.). After that, you need to send your Copybook to the recipient (a team or a class from another country).
5. A class that receives your Copybook will learn about your team, perform your task and send the Copybook back to you with the task they made for your revision. It should include some demonstrative photos or pictures. The recipient's team gets their own Copybook, performs Step 3 and 4 and sends the second Copybook with their own task. Two teams from different countries will cooperate in the framework of the project this way.

For example: schoolchildren from Kazan (Russia) send their Copybook to Prague (Czech Republic) and set the following task for a team from the Czech Republic: *You should find out the name of a famous literary figure in whose honour the Tatar State Opera and Ballet Theatre was named after; to learn why this person was given the Lenin Award and to hold a lesson or a literary night devoted to the poetry of this person.*

After successful task performance, the Prague team writes down a report in the Copybook and sends it to Kazan. As far as the Prague team knows whom they should write to, they fulfill their own Copybook where they share information about their team and write a task for the Kazan team: *You have to create an adventure game that will help schoolchildren of Prague to learn more about all art-galleries of their own city.* In order to create such a game the Kazan team will need to learn many facts about culture and history of another country. So two teams work in two Copybooks and send them to each other.

It is necessary to create an exciting task that their new friends would love to perform using facts from life, culture and traditions of the countries of each other.

In order to experience the participation better, both teams should create and paint their own postage-stamps (3cm X 2cm) that can include geography, cultural and historical events of their homeland. A postage stamp should be pasted on the cover of the Copybook of Friendship before sending it to another country. Copybooks with the best stamps will get additional points.

Fulfilled Copybooks are sent to the Directorate of the Program: Petropavlovskaja st. 185, 313, 614068, Perm, Russia.

Many copybooks will travel at the same time, so the authors of the first Copybooks that come to the Directorate will get additional points too.

The Project starts on January 27 and ends on April 1, 2017.

Winners will be announced on April 10, 2017. The list of winners will be posted online at <http://tetradka.org.ru/>. Ten pairs of teams that fulfilled the copybooks in an interesting creative, thoughtful way telling about themselves, setting interesting tasks and performing it will be awarded.

Winners will get opportunity to take part in the I International roundtable «Children's social and cultural initiatives for world peace» in the course of the International conference «Social innovations for the Sustainable Development Goals» in July 2017 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.