KWLS Projects

**This project outline may be used and adapted for a variety of units and topics.**

Materials highlighted in yellow are available on the SEM website

* Teachers perform a beginning of unit pre-assessment of all students, using the KWLS chart, or another format.
* Students with a great deal of background knowledge, or a particular interest in the topic, are identified.
* SEM consultant pushes into the classroom to identify specific areas of interest within the unit, which students would like to research further.
* A work plan is developed using the KWLS Project Work Plan template, which includes a goal, as well as a project “to do list.”
* Teachers support students’ research within the classroom.
* Students are encouraged to use a myriad of resources for research including, but not limited to:
  + Library books & E-books
  + Encyclopedias (print and online)
  + PebbleGo.com
  + BrainPopJr.com
  + Destiny Quest Webpath
  + Interviews
  + Newspapers
* After research has gotten underway, students brainstorm a way to share what they learn with the class. Some possibilities may include, but are not limited to:
* Poster, Song, Debate, Play, Brochure, Collage, PowerPoint, iMovie, Essay, etc…
* Students complete their presentation product and rehearse using the Oral Presentation Rubric as a guide.
* The project is shared with the class.
* Other students in class are encouraged to ask questions and delve further into the topic.