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Worksheet To Accompany USGS Map Adventures Teaching Packet

Lesson 1: View From The Ground

What Is In The Park?



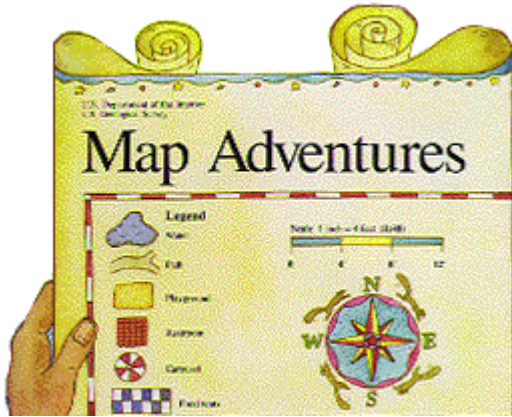
Look at the drawing of the park. There is a boy peeking between the gates of the park. Pretend you are looking through the gates. List five things you think might be in the park.

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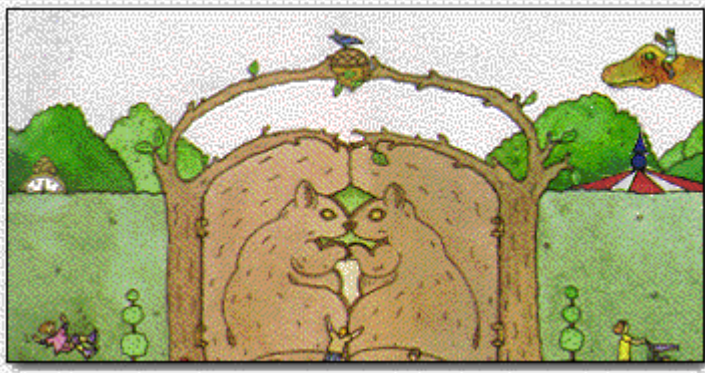
Here is the first part of a story about an adventure that a girl has in the park in the picture.

# Nikki's Adventure



**Part One:** Nikki was happy to visit the special park her mother had been telling her about.

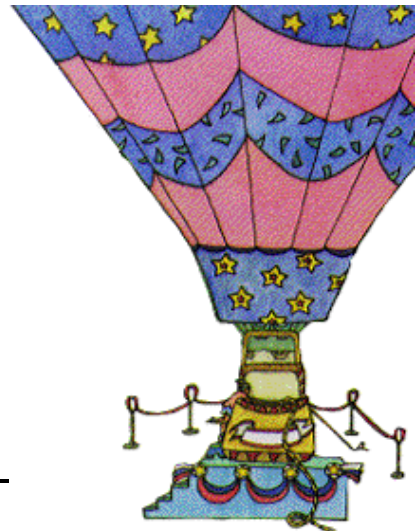
When they arrived, she could hardly believe her eyes.



As she stood on the sidewalk in front of the entrance, she could barely see over the hedge that made a fence around the park.

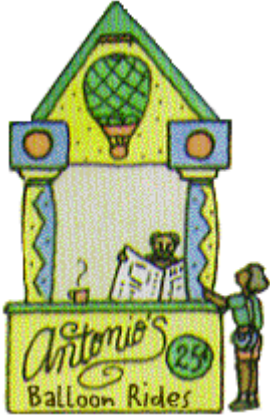
She could see the top of a red and white tent and the head of a dinosaur. She heard carousel music, the sounds of ducks, and children playing. Nikki could smell popcorn, hot dogs, flowers, and fresh straw.

The most exciting sight of all, however, was the huge hot-air balloon that swayed gently in the breeze just outside the park. It was tied down to stakes that had been hammered into the ground. It was the biggest balloon Nikki had ever seen. She wanted to get closer to see inside the basket that hung from the balloon. It was tied to the balloon by large ropes.



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The man who sold balloon rides was reading his newspaper. Nikki's mother walked over to talk to the man. Nikki walked over to look at the basket. She had never seen a hot-air balloon up close.

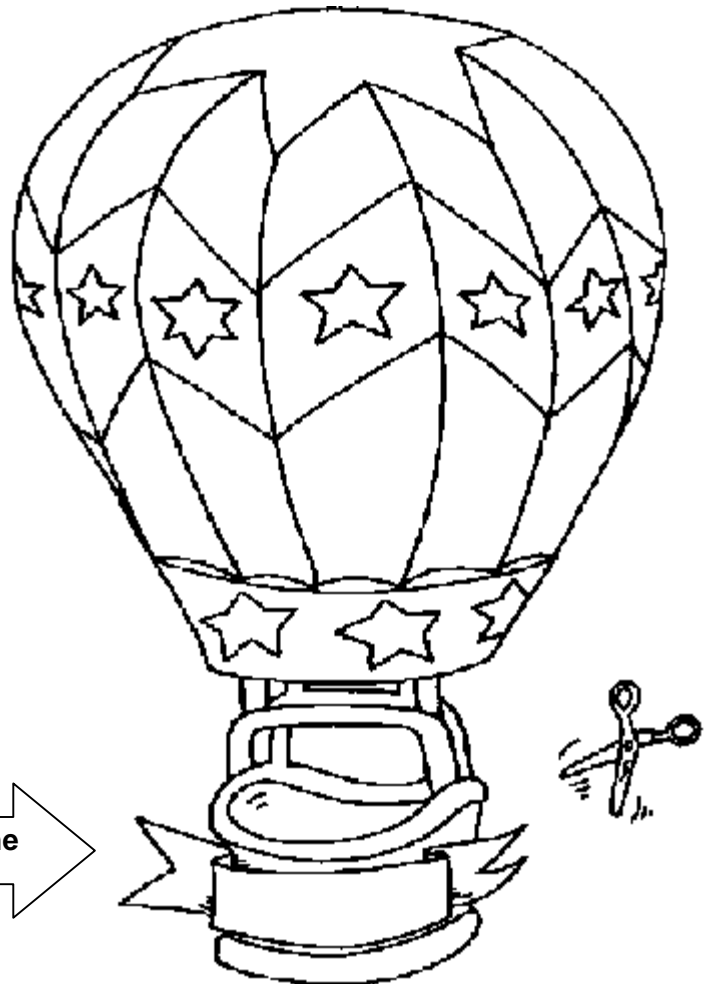


The basket had high sides. Ropes went up from the basket to the balloon above. She got up on her toes to peek inside.

To get a better look she pulled herself up on the edge of the basket, but lost her balance and toppled into the basket head first.

### Color Your Own Hot Air Balloon

1. Color in the picture of the balloon
2. Print your name in the spot next to the arrow
3. Cut out the balloon



Print Your Name

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## Think More About It

What is a good name for the park in the story?

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Why did you pick that name?

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What things does a park need to be a good park?

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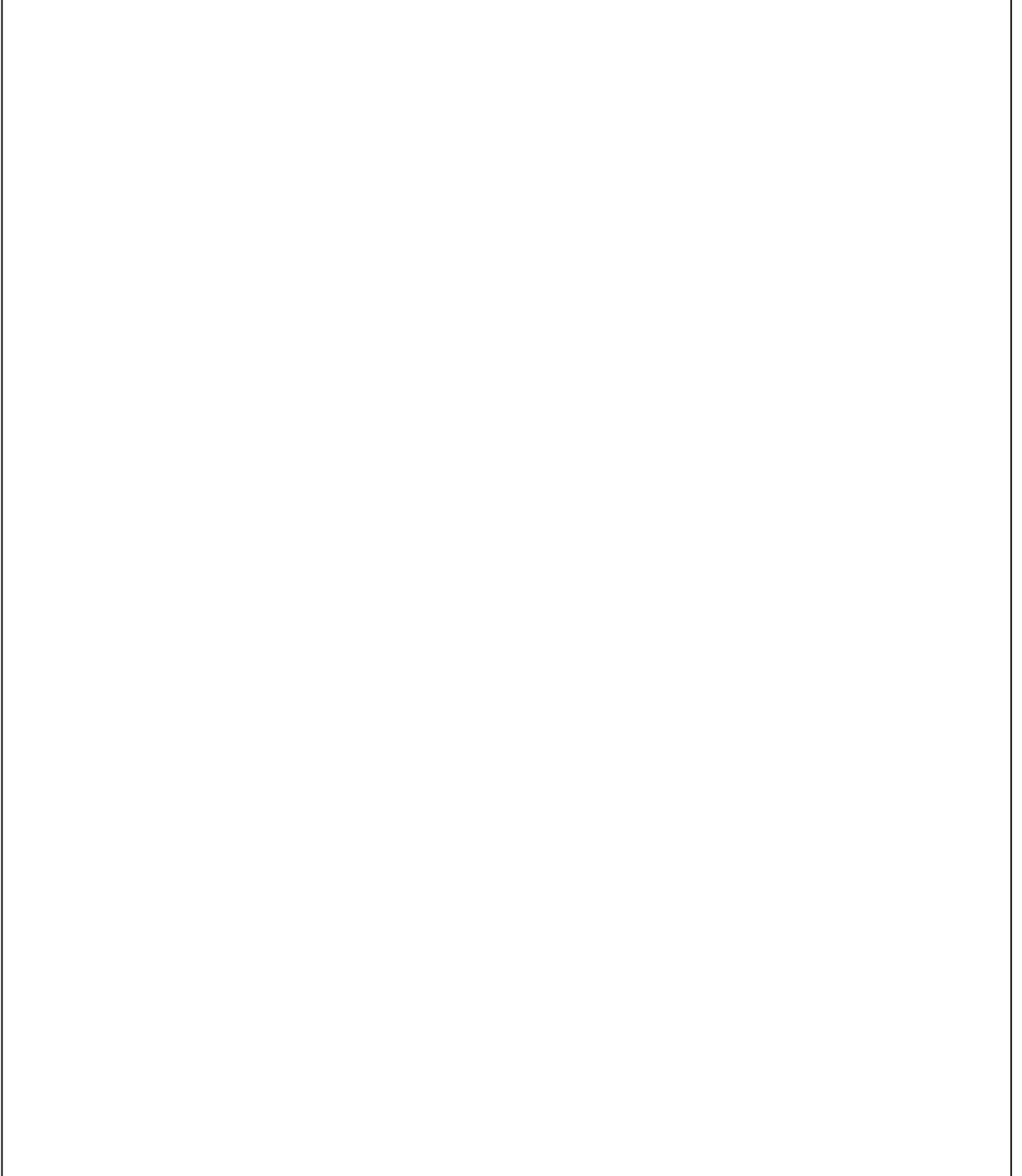
4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Draw Your Own Park

Draw a picture of the park you would most like to go to.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of their favorite park.

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**The Park Near Your School**

What park is closest to your school?

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How could a new student in your school find their way to the park?

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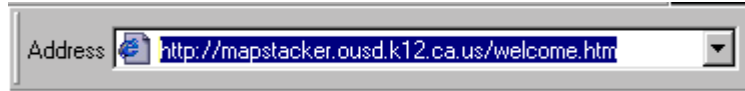
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## Oakland Map On The World Wide Web

Did you know there was a map of Oakland on the web? You can find your school. You can find your house. You can find the parks, libraries, creeks and fire stations near your school or home. To get to the map of Oakland on the web you must go to the District's MAP CENTER.

### Getting To Map Center

There are several ways to get to MAP CENTER on the world wide web. The fastest way from any computer is to type the address of the MAP CENTER computer in the Address box of your web browser.



The address for MAP CENTER is

<http://mapstacker.ousd.k12.ca.us/welcome.htm>.

Most computers at District sites have the District's web page as their home page. If you are already on the District's home page, the easiest way to get to MAP CENTER is to click on the **Map Center** link in the **FEATURES** section.

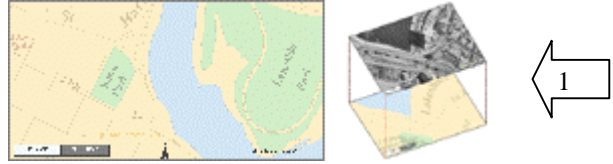


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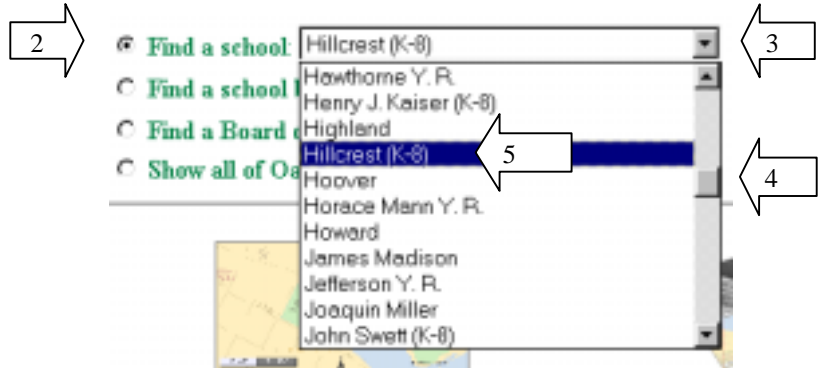
## MAP CENTER Practice Session 1

A new student to your school could use the MAP CENTER to find their way to the park closest to your school. Here is how they would do it.

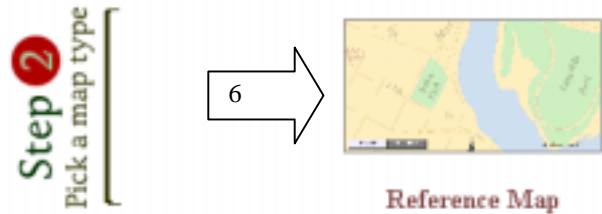
1. Click on the **Interactive Maps** picture.



2. Click on the **Find a school**: circle.
3. Click on the down **arrowhead**.
4. Find the name of your school.
5. Click on the name of your school.



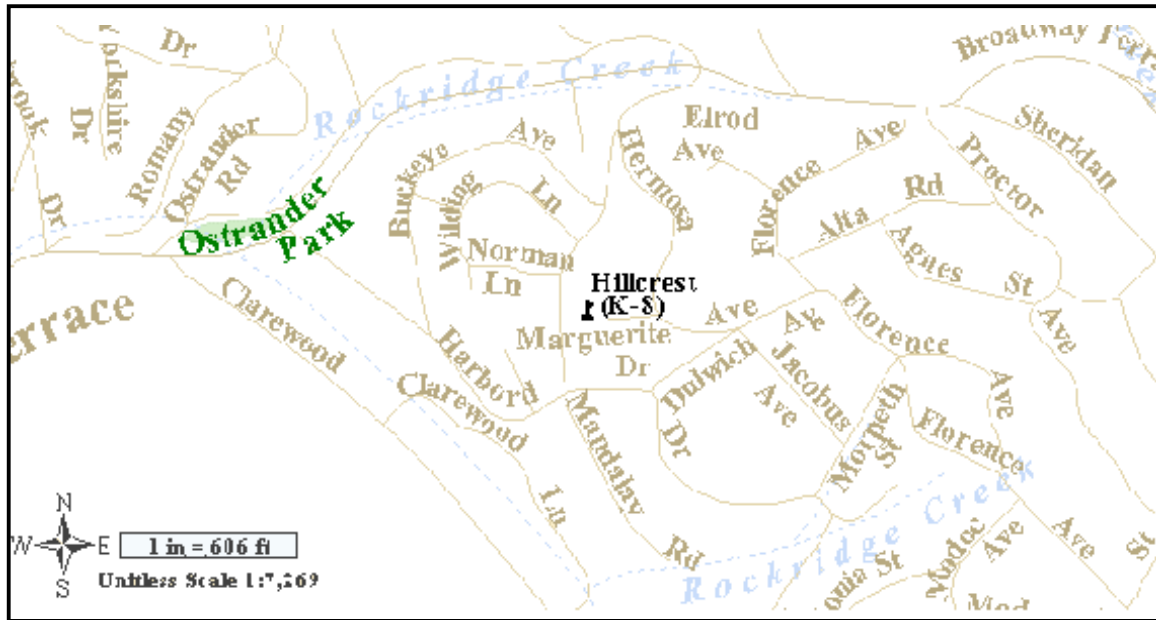
6. Click on the **Reference Map** picture in **Step 2**.





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MAP CENTER shows a map with your school in the middle of the map. This map also shows the park which is close to your school.



MAP CENTER will always show a map with the school in the middle when you ask it to find a school.

The closest park will not always be on the map.

In later lessons you will learn how to move around the map.

You will also learn how to make the map show more of the city or show a close up view of the area around the school.