OUR VILLAGE IS ABOUT TO BE FOUNDED!

But first, we have to find out more information about how other English Colonies were founded. This will help you make decisions about our village. Please spend some time for Web-nesday looking at the document I put up on the Stupendous Social Studies page that compares and contrasts Jamestown and Plymouth. Tomorrow, you will be using that document to fill in the compare/contrast chart, so read carefully.

The village is going to need a name. List at least 5 ideas below. Think about the name of other towns or cities you know of. Can you tell why they got their names? This might help you think about a good one for us.

Possible Names For Our Village

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HOW MUCH LAND?

You are the first five families to arrive at our village. How will the property be divided up?

At first, we thought about having the wealthier families get a bit more land than the other families. Now, based on some disputes, I am not so sure.

The disputes lead me to information about what really happened in the colonies. What I found is not written for children. It is complicated, but if you are interested, you can try to make sense of it. For example, I learned about something called, “headright’ – You can read about it here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Headright>

I also found the information below. <https://www.wvc.edu/library/research/gen/handouts/Land/LandNotesColonial.htm>

<http://www.lhaasdav.com/land/howitbegan.html>

The big question is: How should our new colony’s land be distributed? Should it be equally divided or not? On the back of this sheet, write a letter to your fellow colonists and explain how the river table ought to be divided and why.

Your letter must be in letter format. It should include a topic sentence, at least 3 reasons for your thinking and for each reason you should give a supporting detail to prove your point. End with a concluding sentence. Be convincing. Be clear. Be specific.

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