Cruise Path Mural

Overview: Students chart the course of the cruise by drawing a mural depicting the cruise track.

Ages: 5 – 9

Time: 15 minutes per day

Materials Required: large roll of paper, crayons and markers

Objective: Students learn about the cruise path.

Instructions:

• Mount the large roll of paper to the wall.
• Either print out a picture of the Nathaniel B. Palmer or ask one of the students to draw the ship.
• Ask one or a small group of students per day to add to the cruise track.
• Have one of the students draw an island and another begin the dotted line from the ship to the first island.
• Ask one or a small group of students draw pictures of what the scientists wrote about in their emails; i.e., fish they saw, penguins they spotted, food they ate. Have students write a few words describing what happens each day.
• Ask the artist(s) of the day to explain what they drew and wrote.
• Compare this with a discussion of the emails received.
• Follow along each day, adding to the mural until the cruise is complete (or the children’s school year ends).

Related Questions:

• What kinds of activities have the scientists told us about so far?
• What has happened on the cruise that you didn’t expect to happen?
• What do you think will happen tomorrow? Or next week?
• What do you hope will happen?