



At Evarts Elementary School, Mrs. Rachel Huff's fourth grade English/Language Arts students are required to participate in an activity called Discovery Quest. Discovery Quest is a question-of-the-month activity that allows students to learn basic public speaking skills and independent research skills. Each student receives a list of "quests" or research topics. The students can use many avenues to conduct their research. They may choose to use books, magazines, reference books, family member interviews, or research tools such as the Internet to learn about a topic. If a student would like to give a presentation on a Current Event instead of a Discovery Quest, students may use a newspaper, Internet, or invite a guest to speak. Students may devise many creative ways to share their learning with the class. On December 16, Kaylee Mefford, a fourth grader in Mrs. Huff's class chose to invite Representative Rick Nelson, our state representative, to speak about Coal and its benefits to Kentuckians. This activity was a fun way for the class to study something that is interesting to the students.