

Letter to Send Home

Dear _____,

You may have heard your child coming home using some pretty big words. The last few days we have been studying

- *public and private lands*,
- *volunteers* (people who do not get paid but do something because they want to),
- *philanthropy* (giving of your time, talent or treasure for the common good), and
- *commons* areas in our school and town (places that are public where everyone can go).

Our inspiration comes from the Woody Guthrie song This Land Is Your Land. Please help your child with the following homework assignment. It is really quite simple. Attached is a **Public/Private** Log sheet. Your child, with your assistance, is to keep a track of public and private places that you pass in an ordinary day. You might be driving, walking or biking. Just remember to record the places you see on the Public/Private Log sheet. Please help your child to decide if the place is public or private, and why. Then make sure they mark an X in the proper column on the Log.

After **three** days, please sign the bottom of the sheet and have your child return it to school. Thanks for your help in extending this lesson to the real world. After all, parents are their children's first teachers.

Sincerely,

