



MARCH MADNESS



Welcome to one of the craziest sporting times of year, The March Madness tournament! The tournament is for Men's and Women's college basketball teams throughout the nation at the division I level. Just as we did with Football Fridays, we will be using the tournament to accomplish some of our Common Core Standards.

Students will be given information on all the schools in the tournament, below Duke is used as an example:

University Name	Year Established	Student Population	Campus Size in Acres	Campus Setting	Location	Nickname	Colors	History of Nickname
Duke University	1924	14,951	8,610	Urban	Durham, NC	Blue Devils	Blue & White	Blue Devils is the mascot for Duke University's athletic teams. The mascot is named after the French Chasseurs Alpins soldier in World War I that wore a distinctive blue uniform with a flowing cape and a beret. For this reason, they were nicknamed "les Diables Bleus" or Blue Devils.

With all the information given the students will go through the following activities as well as many others throughout the tournament:

Use the information given to map out the schools location.

Compare the schools settings and sizes.

Create timelines based on when the schools were established.

Create Graphs representing population and campus size.

Sort the history of the mascots and discuss why those mascots are important to the regions in which the schools are located.

Identify resources and that are located in the regions in which the schools are located.

Use stats from games in word problems to compute percentages and fractions

Figure area and perimeter of different basketball related shapes.

Information sheets will be available on my website <http://hawesw.weebly.com/> in case your student needs an extra copy. It is my hope that the students enjoy these fun lessons while at the same time they are being introduced to new concepts and reviewing past lessons.

We will also have a classroom competition with the students to see who can pick the most winners!

Enjoy the tournament and thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Hawes