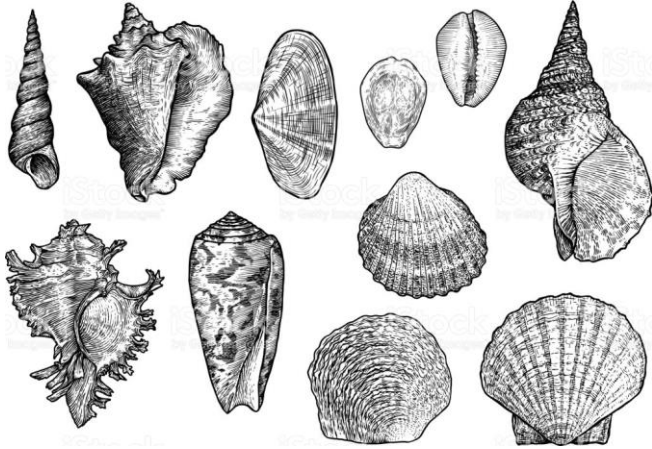


6th Grade Shell Collection Project

Shell - the hard, protective outer case made of calcium carbonate of a mollusk (snails, mussels and clams)



Working on the project over the Summer is **OPTIONAL**

Final project is due next March.



Overview:

The final product of this collection project will be a shadowbox display and a binder including drawings of your shells and diagrams

What can I do over the summer?

Summer work is optional.

This project is due by the end of next winter, but you can get an early start by exploring and collecting snail shells from your backyard, creeks, ponds or rivers, as well as oyster shells and seashells from the beach. You may also accept shells from friends and family. Store bought shells will not be accepted.

- Collect **12** or more seashells, clamshells and snail shells.
- Keep track of the location shell was collected. **Tip:** take a picture of the shell at the location in which you found it. If using a smart phone, add city/state location data to the image. Or jot it on a post it note and take a pic of both the shell and post it note together. Remember to save pics in an album so you can find them easily.
- Tips for taking good close-ups with your smartphone
<https://iphonephotographyschool.com/focus-tips/>
- Begin informally identifying shells using a field guide from the library or search online.
- Copy the drawing template onto cardstock and sketch or paint your shells (no crayons).
 - **This will be a rough draft – put identifying data on a sticky note, or lightly write in pencil**