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Mars Rover Model Celebration – Lesson Plan

Introduction:

One of the new words for this lesson is **flow**. Flow means “the steady movement of water, electricity, traffic, people, ideas, etc... from one place to another”

Let’s look at two pictures that will help us understand the meaning of the word flow. In one picture the water is flowing down the river toward the sea. In the other picture, the traffic is flowing (or moving) down a city street.

Example:

In addition to things like water and traffic, many other things can flow as well. A good story will flow and ideas can also flow (when you have a lot of ideas one right after another). If you think of your favorite book, you will remember how each event in that story flowed into the next. When a story is well-written, you don’t even notice the transition between different events in the story because the flow of the story is smooth and natural.

Reflection:

I am going to tell you some things. If these things flow, put your thumbs up and say FLOW. If they do not flow, put your thumbs down and remain silent.

- Soda from a two liter bottle (thumbs up)
- A book on a table (thumbs down)
- Lava from a volcano (thumbs up)
- The events in a movie (thumbs up)
- A man jumping on a bungee cord (thumbs down)

Make it personal:

Think about the skit or presentation that you are going to be writing for the Mars Rover Celebration. What is one thing you can do to ensure that your skit flows well? Share your ideas with a neighbor. Then I will ask some of you to share your ideas with the class. Be sure to begin your sharing with, *“One thing I can do to help my group’s skit flow well is...”*