Research….the Heart and Soul of the Project

You will not have a good written project or oral presentation unless you do a good job of researching your career field. Research is gathering information that is factual, not something we assume about the career. The research that we do is vital to writing the main body of the paper (What I found out…), and becoming a mini-expert in the career field so you can do a great job on the oral presentation. Research includes the job shadow, interview, surveys, and internet sources. **A good research packet will have 10-12 sources.**

Think about the career websites you found for the Career Research Activity we did early on in class. These are the sites you should be going back to for your research.

What is the Research Packet?

In order to get credit for your research, you have to show physical evidence of your research. Examples of this are:

- Job shadow notes
- Rough draft of your interview
- Career Survey
- Print out of articles (highlight the key parts)

You must also have an outline of what I am seeing in the Research Packet. Please number and cite the material you are using by creating this outline or guide.

Example:

1. Job Shadow Notes: I was able to interview Captain Smith at Fire Station #13. This interview gave basic information about the career path I should take and the daily tasks that a firefighter has to do when at the fire station.

(You would include the job shadow notes and they would be identified with a number 1 on the paper).

Please go to my teacher website for an example of the Research Packet outline or guide and see examples of the written part of the Career Project in class, pay attention to how these previous students set up their research packet and overall paper.