Composition of the Solar System

Summary
Students will use a reading selection to compare the solar system to a neighborhood and do some writing, drawing and make comparisons to reinforce their knowledge about the rocky planets, gas giants and amount of matter in the solar system.

Main Core Tie
Science - Earth Science
Standard 1 Objective 2

Time Frame
1 class periods of 45 minutes each

Group Size
Pairs

Materials
- student worksheet with reading
  (attached)

Instructional Procedures
The reading selection is fairly long and may contain vocabulary the students are unfamiliar with. There are a variety of reading strategies that could be used to help students read it. The teacher may choose to do a "think aloud" or reciprocal reading strategy. The students may be encouraged to talk to the text through post-it notes or do a K-W-L chart to aid understanding. A "stop and write" is shown on the worksheet.
After the reading, ask students to complete the analysis section.

Bibliography
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