Whitewater Valley Elementary: 3rd grade, Diane Barrow's class—parachute

The students had to design a parachute that would drop supplies on an island for people who suffered a tragedy. They revised the parachutes several times to try to make them drop more slowly so the "supplies" would not be damaged. Many learned that "less is more." They had to remove materials from their para-chutes because they were too heavy. Also, many of them realized that they needed a either a bigger or smaller parachute design to enable the chutes to capture air as they fell.