

Third Grade News

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Dear Third Grade Families,

As part of our IB curriculum, we have begun our first unit of inquiry, “Who We Are”. The focus and central idea of the unit is, “*Inquiry provides opportunities for discovery and exploration into how individuals learn.*”

Throughout the unit, our lines of inquiry are:

- Scientific methods and thinking processes
- Reflection and metacognition
- Decision making and taking action

This IB unit encompasses the third grade science standards. Throughout this unit, students will be inquiring into the scientific method, states of matter, energy. Students will delve into the process of inquiry by developing questioning skills and by considering and applying various tools that will enhance their learning.

We hope you will consider several ways you can support and extend our learning. First and foremost, as you talk with your child after school each day, prompt discussion with questions like these: Why are inquiry and reflection important to your learning? How can the access of tools influence your learning? What does it mean to be curious?

If you're interested in taking a family outing, consider going to the *Science Center or Nature Center*. While each class will be conducting experiments, we encourage the students to conduct their own experiments at home or perform the class experiment at home and see if they have a different outcome.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Team