

3rd Grade IB Newsletter

Sharing The Planet



Week of 4/29/19

Dear Third Grade Families,

As part of our IB curriculum, we have recently begun our sixth unit of inquiry, "Sharing The Planet." The focus and central idea of the unit is, "***Survival depends on the relationships between living things and their environment.***" Throughout the unit, our lines of inquiry are:

- Adaptations of living things within ecosystems
- Interactions and relationships among living things
- Stages of development of life cycles

The Key Concepts that we will be focusing on include change, connection, and causation. The learner attributes that we will concentrate on throughout the unit are principled, risk-taker, and caring. Students will focus on modeling and practicing thinking and communication skills.

During this unit, children will explore how living things adapt to their environment for survival. Students will research and find facts about plant and animal adaptations and life cycles around the world. We will also go to Holden and the Nature Center to explore life cycles and adaptations. We are hoping students will extend their learning by exploring their own wonder questions outside of the classroom.

If you're interested in taking a family outing, consider going to the Cleveland Zoo & Rainforest, Natural History Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Each location has animals and plants from around the world. As a family, you can discuss the life cycle of the animals and plants, their adaptations, and as an extension—ways you can take action to help the animals and plants. You can also visit a local park and your backyard. You can see all sorts of natural wildlife all around and still participate in the discussions mentioned above. Let us know if you see anything extra spectacular. Happy observing!!

Sincerely,

Grade 3 Team

SAVE THE DATE:

- What: Life Cycle Presentation
- When: Friday, 5/31, at 2:30
- Where: Your Child's Classroom