

Third Grade News

Dear Third Grade Families,

March 2019

As part of our IB curriculum, we recently began our next unit of inquiry, "Where We Are in Place and Time." The central idea of the unit is, "Utilization of resources reflects changing practices of local and global societies." Throughout the six weeks we are teaching this unit of inquiry, we will be looking at the elements of communities including the history of Shaker Heights.

The lines of inquiry for this unit are:

- Development of different communities
- Changes in society over time
- Relationships between resources and practices.

Students will inquire into a global community, identify the elements of that community, and compare and contrast the community with the community of Shaker Heights.

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 discussions with questions like these: What communities did you discuss? What did you learn about communities? What else would you like to find out about the community's history and culture? What resources are in the community that reflects daily life? How does the community compare and contrast to Shaker Heights?

If you're interested in taking a family outing, consider going to the Shaker Heights Historical Society and/or the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Both facilities offer displays and exhibits that closely relate to this IB unit.

Sincerely,

Grade 3 Teachers