

Third Grade Program of Inquiry 2012-2013

First Trimester

Aug. 27 - Oct. 5

Theme	Who We Are
Title	Home is Where the Heart Is
Central Idea	People live in communities to meet their needs.
Key Concepts	form, function, connection
Related Concepts	Similarities and differences, roles, open mindedness
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Characteristics of communities 2. Types of communities 3. Ways to build relationships 4. Community involvement
Learner Profile	Caring, Communicator
Transdisciplinary Skills	Communication, Thinking

Oct. 9 - Nov. 20

Theme	Where We Are in Place and Time
Title	On the Move
Central Idea	Journeys create change and can lead to different opportunities and challenges.
Key Concepts	Causation, change, perspective
Related Concepts	Progress, settlements, beliefs
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasons people relocate 2. The recording and documenting of change 3. Impact of relocation socially and economically on society
Learner Profile	Risk Taker, Reflective
Transdisciplinary Skills	Thinking, Research, Social

Second Trimester

Nov. 26 - Jan. 25

Theme	How We Express Ourselves
Title	Generation Next
Key Concepts	function, perspective, reflection
Related Concepts	Interpretation, beliefs, communication
Central Idea	Stories reflect the beliefs and history of individuals and groups.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions of stories and sayings 2. Ways that stories have changed as they were passed down through generations 3. Connections between stories and their cultures
Learner Profile	Open Minded, Reflective, Communicator
Transdisciplinary Skills	Thinking, Communication

Jan. 28 - Mar. 8

Theme	How the World Works
Title	The Ever Changing Earth
Central Idea	Components of the earth interact and cause change.
Key Concepts	form, causation, change
Related Concepts	Impact, cycles, structure
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weathering, erosion, and the effects they have on land 2. Rocks and the changes they go through 3. Earth's changes and how they affect people's lives
Learner Profile	Inquirer, Knowledgeable
Transdisciplinary Skills	Research, Self-Management

Third Trimester

Mar. 11 - Apr. 12

Theme	How We Organize Ourselves
Title	Who's the Boss?
Key Concepts	function, form, responsibility
Related Concepts	Systems, structure, citizenship
Central Idea	A system of checks and balances is used in a democratic government.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasons societies form governments and the roles they play 2. Relationship between local and national governments 3. Types of governments around the world
Learner Profile	Balanced, Principled
Transdisciplinary Skills	Social, Communication

Apr. 15 - May 29

Theme	Sharing the Planet
Title	Bound for Extinction
Key Concepts	causation, connection, responsibility,
Related Concepts	Interdependence, consequences, initiative
Central Idea	Taking responsible action helps to preserve life on our planet.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of living things that require protection. 2. Reasons that species become endangered 3. Responsibilities regarding preservation
Learner Profile	Knowledgeable, Thinker
Transdisciplinary Skills	Research, Thinking