



Lower School Program of Inquiry 2018-2019

	Who We Are	Where We Are in Place and Time	How We Express Ourselves	How the World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	How We Share the Planet
Nursery	Who we are? Being mindful of ourselves helps us gain a sense of belonging		Let's Play! Children use their imagination and playful experiences to express themselves	Splash! People use water to meet a need	Through the Seasons People adapt to the climate and weather as the seasons change	
PreK	My Five Senses Everyday I use my senses to learn more about myself and the world around me		Let's Celebrate! People express who they are through celebrations		Community Helpers Community helpers keep our school neighborhood safe and functioning	Animal Dwellings Animals use their environment to build a shelter where they can feel protected
Kinder-garten	Happy, Healthy Me A well-balanced lifestyle is important to human health	Children Around the World Children around the world have similar and different routines and lifestyles	Tell Me a Story Stories can be told in different ways	Cycles (Patterns) Every living thing follows a life cycle	My School, My Community Schools are structured communities where everyone's role & responsibility is important	Keepers of the Earth People interact with and value the natural environment in many ways
1st grade	Living Together Peace comes from the ability to prevent and manage conflicts	Time of My Life Our personal history shapes our identity	Can You Imagine? Imagination can be expressed through words and art	Rain or Shine People experience and record weather conditions using various tools	Moving Around Many people depend on transportation systems for their daily activities	Water for Life Water is an essential but limited resource that must be used responsibly
2nd grade	Rights and Responsibilities As members of a community we share rights and responsibilities	The Land and Us Geography shapes human lifestyles	My Reading Toolbox Through reading, we discover and creatively express our ideas, feelings, and points of view	Outer Space The solar system is a complex system of interconnected objects	Let's Work Together People organize themselves to meet their basic needs	Endangered Species Animals around the world are endangered in different ways
3rd grade	Migrations Our family histories create a diverse community	Explorers Explorers journey for a reason and impact our world	Oral Traditions Traditional stories have common elements and reflect various aspects of cultures	Simple Machines All simple machines transfer force which makes our lives easier	Off to Work! Communities provide interconnected services designed to meet people's needs	Living with Plants Plant life is essential to most other forms of life
4th grade	The Human Body The human body is made of interconnected systems	Artifacts: Evidence of The Past By looking at objects of the past, we can learn about past lifestyles and events	Story of Art The arts have been an expression of thoughts and beliefs throughout time	Matter Matter is a physical substance with common properties that can be changed in predictable ways	Language & Society Historical events shape language and culture	Energized! Energy is a resource in infinite demand
5th grade	Gender & Identity Messages about gender from society can influence our behavior and identity	5th Grade EXHIBITION Central Idea	Ideologies Different ideologies express values that generate various types of governments	Moving Earth The continual changing nature of the Earth affects humans	Mapping the World Maps represent perspectives of our changing world	Local to Global Local action can be applied to an environmental problem and have global impact