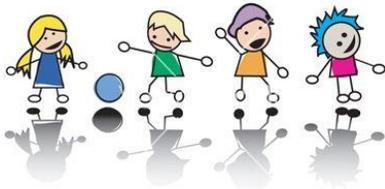


January 13, 2016

We are beginning a new unit of inquiry!

Transdisciplinary Theme for this unit:



How we organize ourselves

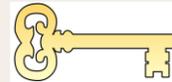
Our Central idea:

People organize to solve problems.

Lines of Inquiry:

- *Building consensus and making decisions*
- *Benefits and challenges of working together*
- *Development of policies to solve public problems*

We will focus on the following essential elements of the PYP.



Key Concepts

- Form
- Function
- Responsibility



Skills

- Thinking Skills
- Social Skills



Learner Attributes

- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Caring



In this unit of inquiry students will investigate the different ways people organize and work together. Students will inquire into individuals and groups who have improved the world through their actions. They will be able to describe how humans can work together in different ways to solve problems beyond themselves. We will read and research about such problem solvers as Martin Luther King Jr., Malala, Cesar Chavez, Rosa Parks, Steve Jobs, Harriet Tubman and Mark Zuckerberg.

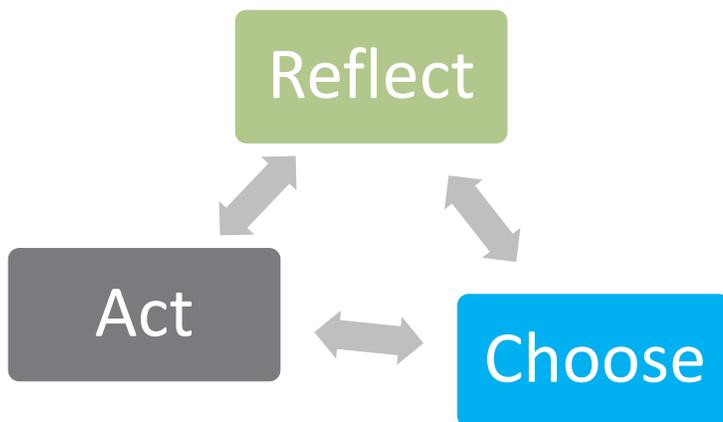
Please let us know if you have something to contribute to our unit of inquiry! We invite families to share their related hobbies and interests, talents, or other resources that would enrich our unit and the learning of all of our students.

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Take Action!

The Primary Years Program defines *Action* as service to fellow students and to the larger community, both in and outside the school. Students are encouraged to think about and act on their learning, to make their world a better place. In doing so, they are developing skills such as cooperation, problem solving, conflict resolution, and creative and critical thinking. Action is voluntary, and usually begins in a small way. It can be as simple as making a change for themselves, pointing out a new concept in a book or movie, or asking to learn more. Should you notice your child taking action as a result of their learning, please share that with us! We'd like to recognize them at school for their initiative and contribution to their community.



People Helping People

