

PYP NEWSLETTER

Fourth Grade Unit 3



The Impact of Economic Behavior

Central idea: Our economic behavior can affect us and our environment.

In Unit 3, students inquired into our world's ecosystem, food chain, and water cycle. Students had classroom discussions and activities to understand the role of organisms and water in our environment. Students also learned how humans can affect the environment directly. Throughout this unit students had many engaging and hands on activities such as creating models of various ecosystems and experimenting with the different states of water. Students created models of various ecosystems and had to create a way to solve an environmental problem by creating a natural solution to the problem!

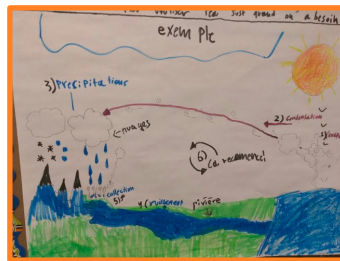
Lines of Inquiry

An inquiry into how ecosystems flow

An inquiry into the role of water in the ecosystem

An inquiry into the roles of organisms and the environment

An inquiry into how we affect the environment directly



Students illustrated the water cycle!



Students created models of ecosystems!

Upcoming Unit

Unit 4's transdisciplinary theme is "Sharing the Planet." This unit's central idea focuses on how our actions and choices influence equal opportunity to rights and freedom. Students will be learning about various historical movements such as the civil rights movement and the history of women's rights. Students will have classroom discussions and inquire into how conflict causes change and how economic decisions can affect various groups of individuals.