

PYP NEWSLETTER

Third Grade Unit I



Who We Are

Central Idea: Societies create systems of rules and laws.

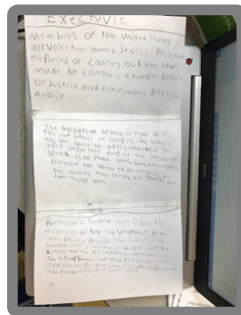
In this unit students had several learning engagements! Students participated in a class election voting for class representatives. They created campaign posters and wrote campaign speeches. For their summative assessment, using real tree branches, the students represented the branches of the U.S. government as well as the governments of their target language countries.

Lines of Inquiry

How does our government work?

What are the roles and responsibilities of each branch of our government?

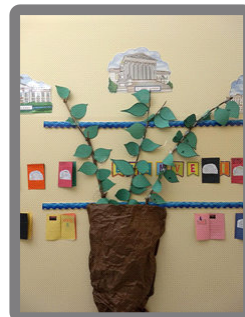
What are the different types of government?



English reports on the three branches of the government



Illustrations of the United State's government buildings



The three branches of government in the Spanish 3rd grade class

Upcoming Unit

Unit 2 is titled "Dig It!" In this unit, which belongs to the transdisciplinary theme "Where We Are in Place and Time," students will study the elements and how they change over time. By classifying rocks and minerals as well as studying fossils, they will inquire into how the elements affect our environment over periods of time.