2nd Grade Program of Inquiry

6 Who We Are An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.	5 Where We Are in Place & Time An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives	4 How We Express Ourselves An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic	1/2 (all year) How the World Works An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment	1 How We Organize Ourselves An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment	3 Sharing the Planet An inquiry into our rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution
Central idea: What we eat affects our bodies and is a reflection of different cultures. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Connection: Healthy/unhealthy foods Causation: The ways that food affects us Responsibility: Eating habits Related Concepts: choice, balance, consequences Learner Profile attributes: balanced, inquirer, knowledgeable	Central idea: Location determines human activity and settlements. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Causation: How geography shapes recreational activity Connection: How the basic needs of life are met in various geographical locations Form: Identify, locate and differentiate elements of the Earth's surface Related Concepts: impact, interdependence, networks Learner Profile attributes: open-minded, reflective, thinkers	Central idea: People construct meaning and perspective through reading and writing. Key concepts & LInes of inquiry: Causation: Different ways of sharing stories Perspective: Folklore expressed all over the world Function: How stories reflect our culture Related Concepts: perception, self-expression, culture Learner Profile attributes: reflective, thinker, communicator	Central idea: Weather and atmosphere shape interdependence of humans and the environment. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Form: Types of weather Causation: Effects of weather Change: How humans adapt to weather Related Concepts: cycle, adaptation, transformation Learner Profile attributes: thinkers, knowledgeable, balanced	Central idea: An individual's thoughts, beliefs and actions contribute to societal norms. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Change: People's actions Perspective: Ways people view change Responsibility: How our actions affect our world Related concepts: participation, environment, ethics Learner Profile attributes: principled, risk-takers, caring	Central idea: People share water resources globally. Key concepts & Lines of inquiry: Function: Functions of water Responsibility: Conservation of water Causation: The effects of water shortage Related Concepts: resources, waste, lifestyle Learner Profile attributes: reflective, caring, thinkers