Briargrove Elementary School 2024-2025 Programme of Inquiry

	Who We Are	Where We Are in Place and Time	How We Express Ourselves	How the World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	Sharing the Planet
Kindergarten Ages 3-5	Central Idea: Our choices have an impact on the world Inquiry Into: - Rules and their purpose - The impact of our choices on ourselves and others Key Concepts: - Reflection - Perspective - Function	Central Idea: People use stories to learn about their history Inquiry Into: - Important U.S. historical figures and their impact on U.S. history - National and patriotic holiday - Understand passing time Key Concepts: - Perspective - Principled - Responsibility	Central Idea: Cultures influence our way of life Inquiry Into: - Cultures around the world - Family customs and traditions - cultures influence on ourselves Key Concepts: - Form - Connection - Perspective	Central Idea: The makeup of the Earth impacts our daily lives Inquiry Into: - Natural resources and their uses - Interaction of magnets - Cycles of day, night, seasons - Different forms of energy Key Concepts: - Change - Causation	Central Idea: People shape the communities they live in Inquiry Into: - Roles in a community - Basic human needs - Create and read maps Key Concepts: - Connection - Perspective - Causation	Central Idea: The interaction of living things can determine balance within the environment Inquiry Into: - How living things meet their needs for survival - The benefit and challenges coexisting among living things Key Concepts: - Responsibility - Reflection - Form

First Grade Ages 6-7	Central Idea: Values and beliefs developed through our relationships define our individuality. Inquiry Into: - Groups we belong to - Characteristics of the groups - How groups influence who we are	Central Idea: People depend on land and water Inquiry Into: - Geography, maps and globes - Natural resources - Water forms and landforms	Central Idea: Appreciating diversity allows change in our world. Inquiry Into: - Recognize the similarities and differences of various cultures Explore and connect celebrated holidays (Celebrations) - Natural and physical changes in our environment (weather)	Central Idea: Changes in our environment are interrelated. Inquiry Into: - People from the past influence our future Historical figures influences inventions and communities Communities change over time	Central Idea: Goods and services are interdependent in our communities. Inquiry Into: - Characteristics of wants and needs Interdependence of producers and consumers - Organizational structures with problem solving within a market system.	Central Idea: Discovering relationships within habitats develops understanding of survival. Inquiry Into: - Unique parts of animals/plants. (form) - Effects of habitats on animal; Environmental changes (change) - Animal dependency on habitats. (perspective)
	Key Concepts: - Responsibility - Function - Form	Key Concepts: - Connection - Form - Causation	Key Concepts: - Function -Form - Connection	Key Concepts: - Change - Function - Reflection	Key Concepts: - Perspective - Function - Responsibility	Key Concepts: - Form - Change - Perspective

Second Grade Ages 7-8	Central Idea: Choices of citizens lead to change	Central Idea: Environmental factors influence where people settle	Central Idea: Culture is represented by symbols and celebrations that express diversity	Central Idea: Humans observe and record cycles and the natural world	Central Idea: Citizens and leaders work together to help the community operate	Central Idea: Living things use and change an environment to meet their needs
	Inquiry Into: - Characteristics of responsible citizenship - Recognition of citizens contributions to community - Influence of contributions made by historical citizens	Inquiry Into: - Purpose of maps and globes - Landform characteristics and locations - Types of communities - Weather and its effects on communities	Inquiry Into: - Significance of symbols and landmarks - Significance of holidays and celebrations - Connection between holidays and cultures	Inquiry Into: - Changes in states of matter -Steps of the water cycle - Patterns in the night sky - Insect life cycles	Inquiry Into: - Organization and structure of government positions - Function and services of government - Society's role on economics	Inquiry Into: - Physical characteristics that help living things survive - Interdependence of living things - Modifications to environment
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Third Grade Ages 8-9	Central Idea: Communities function when members follow shared rules and routines	Central Idea: A variety of factors lead to the development and advancements of communities	Central Idea: Culture is represented by symbols and celebrations that express diversity of the community	Central Idea: Physical processes on Earth create constant change	Central Idea: Human made systems help us organize ourselves and impact our lives	Central Idea: Living things grow and change to survive in their environment
	Inquiry Into: - Rules and routines of communities - Characteristics of good citizenship - Benefits and obligations of citizens	Inquiry Into: - Maps and globes - communities and their characteristics - communities past and present - other's influences on communities	Inquiry Into: - Celebrating Freedom - How values influence actions	Inquiry Into: - Force, motion, work - Exploring energy - Weather and the water cycle	Inquiry Into: - Structure of government - Economy of a community	Inquiry Into: - Planet and animal life cycles - Energy flows in an ecosystem - Inherited traits
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Fourth Grade Ages 9-10	Central Idea: Living things and non-living things are interdependent on one another	Central Idea: Nature influences people's migratory patterns	Central Idea: Poetry and drama are a form of art through what people entertain, tell stories, and express themselves	Central Idea: Physical properties influence the world around us	Central Idea: Energy leads to action	Central Idea: Management of finite resources can impact people's outcomes and opportunities
	Inquiry Into: - Nature of the self, beliefs, and values	Inquiry Into: - Orientation in place and time	Inquiry Into: - Different types of poetry - techniques poets use to express themselves	Inquiry Into: - The natural world - Reasons for change - Impact of change	Inquiry Into: - The interconnectednes s of human-made systems and communities	Inquiry Into: - Rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite sources with other people and with other living things
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Fifth Grade Ages 10-11	Central Idea: Communities and culture contributes to self-identity	Central Idea: Opposing charges ignite change	Central Idea: Science innovations affect how we interact with the natural world	Central Idea: Innovations in technology impact society and the environment.	Central Idea: Cultural celebrations across the world	Central Idea: All living and non-living things in an ecosystem are interdependent on one another.

Inquiry Into: - How do communities celebrate around the world? - What can I learn from another culture? - How are other cultural celebrations relatable to my own?	Inquiry Into: - Why does energy change? - Why is energy necessary - Maintaining the resources you have	Inquiry Into: - Research and science innovations - Types of science innovations - Impacts of science innovations	Inquiry Into: 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; and the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.	Inquiry Into: - Explain forces and where they are found - Discover how conflicting forces affect the world around us - Verify how forces create innovation - Assess how systems create efficiency	Inquiry Into: An inquiry into 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.
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