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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our fifth - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –Where We Are in Time and Place. The central idea for this unit is: An inquiry into the discoveries, explorations, and migrations of humankind.

During the next five weeks your child will inquire about what is behavior and how does it impact the characteristics of a living organism, how can living things adapt with changes that are created by humans, and how a change in environment affect the development of living organisms.

We will be identifying inherited traits of plants and animals. In addition, students will identify the organisms' adaptations and explain how these structures help the organisms live and survive. Your child will be able to acquire key vocabulary to comprehend the difference between how natural resources are classified, and how they are used.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of behavior, structure, and differences. Students will be able to engage in social case studies to develop solutions to specific classroom problems and identify what types of adaptations were made and on whose behalf.