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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our sixth - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –How We Express Ourselves. The central idea for this unit is: An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values.

During the next six weeks your child will inquire about what is government, what is culture, what resources are available in different cultures, and how government and culture relate to one another.

We will be discussing solutions to the problem of ethnic identity, as opposed to identifying as a “Texan”. In addition, students will analyze the interaction between human communities and the environment. Your child will be able to evaluate how and why diverse communities interact and become dependent on one another.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of perspective, function, and communication. Students will be able to conduct research in the library about a particular culture, write a report, and make a presentation to the classroom.