

CSK Program of Inquiry 2017-2018

Fourth Grade 2017-2018 Program of Inquiry

**First Trimester
Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

Theme	Who We Are
Title	Stylish Learners
Central Idea	Interests, talents, and learning styles reflect the uniqueness of individuals.
Key Concepts	form, perspective, reflection
Related Concepts	differences, opinion, interpretation
Inquiry Into	1. Different learning styles 2. Building a learning community 3. Ways people construct knowledge and show understanding
Learner Profile	reflective, open minded
Attitudes	commitment, independence
Transdisciplinary Skills	self-management, thinking

Sept. 25-Nov. 8

Theme	Where We are in Place and Time
Title	Different Strokes for Different Folks
Central Idea	Where we live influences our lives in different ways.
Key Concepts	form, causation, perspective
Related Concepts	geography, features, impact
Inquiry Into	1. Features of different geographic locations 2. Relationships between where we live and what we do 3. Impact of geographic location on climate and culture
Learner Profile	open minded, inquirer
Attitudes	respect, tolerance
Transdisciplinary Skills	research, communication

Second Trimester, Fourth Grade
Nov. 13-Dec. 22

Theme	How the World Works
Title	Energize!
Central Idea	Electricity and magnetism impact human society significantly.
Key Concepts	function, causation, reflection
Related Concepts	responsibility, systems, impact
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Properties of magnetism and electricity 2. Ways to use and conserve energy 3. Impacts of electricity and magnetism
Learner Profile	knowledgeable, inquirer
Attitudes	cooperation, curiosity
Transdisciplinary Skills	social, thinking

Jan. 8-Feb. 23

Theme	Sharing the Planet
Title	There's No Place Like Home
Key Concepts	causation, connection, change
Related Concepts	adaptation, consequences, interdependence
Central Idea	Ecosystems thrive because of interactions in the environment.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Components of an ecosystem. 2. Types of ecosystems. 3. Interactions between living and nonliving things 4. External forces that cause adaptation and alteration
Learner Profile	thinker, caring
Attitude	appreciation, respect
Transdisciplinary Skills	research, communication

**Third Trimester, Fourth Grade
Feb. 26-April 27**

Theme	How We Organize Ourselves
Title	Mind Your Own Business
Key Concepts	causation, form, perspective
Related Concepts	properties, impact, opinion
Central Idea	A business must have adequate supply, demand, and public awareness in order to be successful.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of businesses 2. Supply and demand related to business 3. Advertising a product or business 4. Role of internationalism in business
Learner Profile	balanced, principled
Attitudes	cooperation, curiosity
Transdisciplinary Skills	communication, social

April 30-June 1

Theme	How We Express Ourselves
Title	So Much Drama!
Key Concepts	function, responsibility, reflection
Related Concepts	communication, interpretation, initiative
Central Idea	Dramatic adaptations of text deepen understanding and promote fluency.
Inquiry Into	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of dramatic adaptations 2. Characteristics of Readers' Theatre 3. Interpretation of Text 4. Role and responsibility of audience and performer
Learner Profile	communicator, risk-taker
Attitudes	confidence, creativity
Transdisciplinary Skills	communication, social