

Who We Are- 1st Grade

Central Idea: Geography influences our community



Lines of Inquiry:

- Earth has many features
- Circumstances determine where people live
- Humans investigate the unknown in various ways

Teacher goals for students' learning:

- As students learn about landforms, they will make the connection that people can live in/on certain landforms. Students will make the connection that the landform is the basis for how people make a living, find food, and build homes/communities.
- Students will learn about Lewis and Clark and their exploration of unknown land

How can you help at home?

- Talk with your child about landforms they might have experienced (Kennesaw Mountain, Stone Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Beaches, Lakes, Etowah Mounds, etc.)
- Find pictures of landforms and discuss how people might live on these landforms (i.e. How would a person live on a mountain? How would a person live near a river?)
- Encourage your child to write about what they have learned about Lewis and Clark- what would you take on an expedition?

Learner Profile Connection

This unit we will focus on being a **reflective, open-minded, and knowledgeable.**

Encourage them at home to be **reflective** by:

- Discussing how their ideas of exploration has changed over the course of the unit.
- Discuss which IB learner profile your child utilized the most during the new unit?
- Encourage your child to think about what they have learned so far this year—how are these units connected? What have you learned about the world around you?

Encourage them at home to be **open-minded** by:

- Discussing how the exploration of new land might change your perspective
- Discuss how people would work together, trust others, and/or take someone else's advice
- Ask your child to think of ways they can listen and learn from others. Being open minded embodies the ability to do this!

Encourage them at home to be **knowledgeable** by:

- Discussing landforms with you and where they are located (i.e. Valleys are located in between mountains)
- Discussing Lewis, Clark, and Sacagawea
- Describe the Corps of Discovery and the difficulties of the journey they experienced.

Tentative Dates: March 9th- April 17th