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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our first - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –How the World Works?

The central idea for this unit is: Choices that people make affect the environment and the direction of society.

During the next five weeks your child will inquire about what makes a choice important, why do we need to make choices, how can choices create change, how can we work together to make a choice.

We will be looking closely at proposing adequate safe practices and the use of appropriate safety equipment during laboratory investigations. In addition, students will describe, plan, and implement simple experimental investigations testing one variable that affects the direction of the experiment. Your child will be able to conduct small group discussions and how their choices impacted the outcome.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of change, causation, and perspective. Students will be using their social and communication skills to form cooperative learning groups and research how technology has changed and impacted society.