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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our second - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –How We Organize Ourselves? The central idea for this unit is: Government and scientific investigations are useful to keep us organize and to learn from the past.

During the next six weeks your child will inquire about why is it necessary to have rules and regulations in order to have an organized society, what is the role of government, how can we utilize past events to plan for the future, and what roles do scientific investigations play in how we learn from the past.

We will be looking closely at describing, planning and implementing a simple experimental investigation testing one variable that affects the direction of the experiment. In addition, students will discuss possible environmental factors of products being manufactured outside the United States. Your child will be able to hold informal discussions about different kinds of governments and how they work.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of connection, reflection, and responsibility. Students will be using their critical thinking skills to reflect and discuss government and science roles that have helped to keep the world around us organized.