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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our third - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –How We Share the Planet? The central idea for this unit is: Investigating different uses by the community of natural resources and their ability to support life.

During the next five weeks your child will inquire about how are resources useful and in what ways, how can communities acquire resources, what can communities and individuals do to conserve resources, and how natural resources support life.

We will be looking closely at classifying a variety of materials into renewable and nonrenewable resources. In addition, students will propose and implement conservation projects. Your child will be able to explain the origins of natural resources and the potential of these resources to support life.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of causation, connection, and function. Students will be using their cooperative learning groups to figure out roles and functions of different communities and how these communities acquire and utilize their natural resources.