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Dear Parents,

We are beginning our fourth - 4th grade inquiry unit of the year –Who We Are. The central idea for this unit is: Living things take responsibility and assume various roles in order to create a way of life and sustain it.

During the next five weeks your child will inquire about how responsibility affects everyday life, what happens when parts of a cycle are missing, what are different systems in your community and how do the parts/roles unite as a whole, and what is sustainability and what are the benefits.

We will be looking closely at creating landform tables and modeling the process of weathering. In addition, students will conduct of a long term investigation to record the growth of plants. Your child will be able to write an expository summary explaining the three major causes of the Civil War.

During this unit, we will focus on the concepts of causation, connection, and function. Students will be able to synthesize opinions and facts on how different ways of life have been and can be sustained.