

Programme of Inquiry

Morris Jeff Community School

	Who we are	Where we are in place and time	How we express ourselves	How the world works	How we organize ourselves	Sharing the planet
	An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.	An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.	An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.	An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.	An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.	An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.
Pre-K	Relationships include the ways we help and care for each other.	Understanding our communities can help us meet our wants and needs.	Creativity is not limited by the expectations of others.	Objects move in different ways and for different reasons.	**PK does 4 units each year.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Relationships • Helping in Different Cultures • Responsibilities to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants and Needs • Community Helpers • Mapping Our Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different modalities of self expression. • Respecting the expressions of others. • Celebrating the expressions of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different Ways Objects Move • Why Objects Move in Different Ways • Things in our World that move 		
K	Our personal	We reflect and	Observation is a	The activity of	Having shared	People can

	choices affect our bodies and how we feel.	connect by sharing personal histories.	tool for considering other perspectives and for self expression.	living things is usually connected to the Earth's natural cycles.	responsibilities can help us more effectively work together in building a community.	establish practices in order to sustain and maintain the Earth's resources.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the parts of my body work • Food choices • Personal health choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All About Me and My Family • The History of Me • How we are all connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different forms of observation • Considering other perspectives • Recording and expressing our observations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural cycles (night/day, seasons, weather) • How people are affected by natural cycles • How living things are affected by natural cycles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different types of communities • Building communities through responsibility • Making contributions to our family, school, city and world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited nature of the Earth's resources • Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! • Personal choices that can help sustain the environment
1st	Some community members make choices in an effort to bring about peace.	Inventions can solve problems, make life easier, and entertain us.	Different traditions of storytelling help people communicate.	Sound and light impact living things.	Communities consume and produce the resources needed to survive.	All living organisms go through a process of change.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities build structures. (connection) • Creating peaceful communities. (responsibility) • Community members choices. (causation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning of discovery and invention • Inventions can change society over time • Inventions can have different purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different ways stories can be told. • The elements all stories have. • How I like to tell stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light and our daily activities (connection) • Sounds and the environment (function) • Sun, moon, and stars (change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants and Needs • Community Resources • Exchanging and trading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What living organisms need • Growth and development of living organisms • How the cycles of all living organisms are connected
2nd	Place influences	People,	Individuals	Scientific inquiry	Citizens can make	All living things

	culture.	inventions, and events can impact history.	express feelings and ideas in multiple ways.	helps us learn about our world.	decisions that affect their community.	are interconnected in the environment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes me who I am. (Perspective) • Our culture, our home. (Causation) • Exploring culture through literature. (Connection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The desire for freedom (perspective) • What makes a leader (form) • Then and now (change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring feelings and ideas about self • Expressing ideas through movement • Connecting with others through performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties of objects in materials. (Form) • Earth's Processes (Function) • Changes in our physical world (Change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government and responsibility of citizens (Responsibility) • Interactions between community members (Connection) • Citizens choosing their leaders (Perspective) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of plants (function) • How habitats support life (connection) • How our world habitats are changing (change)
3rd	Our relationships and experiences contribute to who we are.	The movement of people transforms communities and individuals over time.	Creativity can enrich communication and build connections.	Organisms adapt to their environments.	Availability of resources affects where and how people live.	The gain and loss of power affects our everyday lives.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of personal experiences • Growth and change • Interconnectedness of people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and why people migrate • Connecting the Past to the Present • Cultural Symbols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art as a tool for expression (perspective) • The story of our year (reflection) • Communicating ideas (connection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil evidence (reflection) • Adaptation (function) • Effects of Environmental Change (change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography of the different places we live (Form) • Industries and Resources (Causation) • Reasons to live in different communities (Connection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and acquiring power • Forces and interactions • Power to make changes
4th	People have taken	Conflict occurs	Creative	Living things have	Opportunities can	Natural processes

	a stand throughout history for many reasons and with many effects, but all to make a difference.	when different needs, desires and personal ideologies exist in a society.	expression provides ways to communicate ideas and emotions.	structures that help them survive.	drive societal changes.	shape geographical regions and impact human activity.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequalities, past and present (perspective). • U.S. Civil Rights Movement (Causation) • Taking a stand (Function) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of conflict • Living through conflict • Creation of governments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sense of the world (causation) • Different cultures, similar stories (connection) • Learning about cultures through stories (reflection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation to environment (change) • Internal and external structures of living things (form) • Receive and process information (function) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Opportunities (form) • Effects on groups of people (perspective) • Aspects of expansion (change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural processes impact the land (causation) • Natural processes impact humans (connection) • Geographical regions (form)
5th	Our relationships in a diverse world influence our identity.	Exploration and discovery contribute to the transformation of society.	Science helps us appreciate the beauty of our world.	The success of systems depends on the function of their parts.	People fight for rights for different reasons and in different ways.	Intentional stewardship can strengthen our communities and world.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Story: Reflection • Differing Perspectives on Our World: Perspective • Influences on Identity: Connectio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing History (Reflection) • Two sides to every story (Perspective) • Successes and Tragedies, Heroes and Villains (Change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical change (Change) • Structure and Expression (Function) • Creativity of transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature's systems: big and small • A balancing act • The human's responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A not-so-promising New World • The Colonial Landscape • Choosing a Side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and effect • Moral obligation • Personal action