



Understanding
Our World

Grade Two

Celebration!



Managing the Complexity of Systems

This Super Unit is a structured inquiry into helping the learner understand the world around them. Learners will manage the complex systems of our world. Learners will be empowered to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the systems in our world. Learners will develop their ability to do systems thinking.

Planning events requires conn



Highlights of Learning Experiences

SuperUnit Launch: Assembly “When Systems Don’t Work”

Field Trips: Visiting Senior Buddies in the High School building, and investigating light and sound in the SSIS Auditorium

Guest Speakers: Parents

Core Values: Respect for All, Sense of Self, Balance in Life

SuperUnit Project and Celebration: Second graders plan, prepare, and perform a ceremony for their Senior Buddies to celebrate the seniors’ time at SSIS, and their friendship with second graders.



Focus on Learning by Subject

Science: Light and sound waves

SS: Investigating traditional events and ceremonies to learn what makes them emotional and memorable.

English: Reading and exploring forms of poetry, and writing poetry.

Math: Geometry: exploring plane and solid shapes. Arrays: using arrays to make and solve repeated addition. Data and Graphing: Answering questions about graphs, gathering data, and building graphs.

Art: Handmade paper, printmaking

Drama: Exploring the structures and orders of plays. Playwriting and character performances.

Music: Listening to songs that evoke different moods, and selecting music appropriate for our celebration. Practice singing and performing choreography.

PE: Swimming

Vietnamese: Exploring cultural celebrations and events around Vietnam through dress and artifacts.

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Questions to Ask your Child

1. What makes an event a ceremony?
2. Why are ceremonies memorable?
3. What makes a system work well?



Home Learning

- Discuss traditions that you celebrate as a family.
- Find pictures or video of traditional celebrations from your home country.
- Explore traditional dress or artifacts from your home country and share with our class.



Suggested Community Extensions

- Attend a community event and try to list all the different systems that were needed to make it successful.
- Attend a graduation ceremony.
- When visiting spaces in the community, notice how sound and lighting affect the mood.



Key Vocabulary

Graduation, ceremony, celebrate, tradition, annual, emotional, memorable, structure, system, host, mood, communicate, illuminate, filter, vibration, affect, light, beam, shadow, transparent, translucent



SuperUnit Launch: SSIS Auditorium
Monday, 2 April

Field trips: High school building,
and the SSIS Auditorium

Guest speakers:

- Parents share their favorite traditional ceremonies

SuperUnit Celebration:
Thursday, 24 May at 12:30pm in the SSIS Auditorium



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