



Understanding
Others

Grade Three

Kaleidoscope



Serving the Needs of Humanity

This Super Unit is a structured inquiry into helping the learner understand other people. Learners will identify a local need of others and plan action. Learners will be empowered to authentically provide service to others. Learners will develop their ability to engage in service design thinking.



Highlights of Learning Experiences

SuperUnit Launch: In the shoes of someone at SSIS- Our Learners will have the opportunity to shadow members of our school community for one hour. They will learn about the different perspectives around our campus and also authentically experience the roles and responsibilities of the different members of SSIS.

Field Trip: Artinus 3D Museum

Guest Speaker(s): Visually Impaired Community Member, Former US Military Personnel, HS Service Entrepreneur, Vietnamese Refugee to America

Project: Students will design something that will help someone in their lives. Possibilities might include: a program, a campaign, or a physical creation.

Core Values

- Academic Excellence: Critical Thinking
- Dedicated Service: Service Learning
- Respect for All: Diversity

SuperUnit Celebration: 3rd Grade Kaleidoscope - exhibition style celebration where students share everything they have done in all classes (specialists included) throughout this unit.



Focus on Learning by Subject

Science: Light and Sound

Social Studies: Dimensions of Diversity

English: Character development; realistic narratives

Math: Patterns in multiplication and division; area

Technology: Computer programming; Coding skills

Vietnamese: Writing thank you letters for local staff; Vietnamese pronouns

Art: Appropriating Limner art to help others understand their perspective

Drama: Character perspective plays

Music: Creating a kinesthetic weaving performance as a metaphor for diversity and unity

PE: Roles and responsibilities in evasion games

Library: Perspective in literature

At the unit celebration, The Third Grade Kaleidoscope, learners will share ideas and artifacts from many different subjects.

When we understand their perspectives.



Questions to Ask your Child

- What's your perspective on (issue)?
- What do you think grandpa/grandma's perspective is on (issue)?
- Why might _____ have a different perspective than you?
- How could you help your brother/sister with something that is difficult for them?



Home Learning

- Go to the library and check out books that help you learn about the perspective of others:
 - Books about history
 - Books about culture
 - Biographies
- Watch Bill Nye videos on YouTube about light and sound.
- Ask family members: parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles about a time when their perspective changed. What caused it to change? What was the experience they had?
- Read a book together and talk about the different perspectives of the characters.



Suggested Home Extensions

Take your family to the 3D museum. Discuss what you see:

- How is this related to perspective?
- Does everyone in your family see all the pictures in the exact same way?

Go to Crescent Mall and explain to your family what you saw during your field trip. How did your perspective change about what happens at the mall.

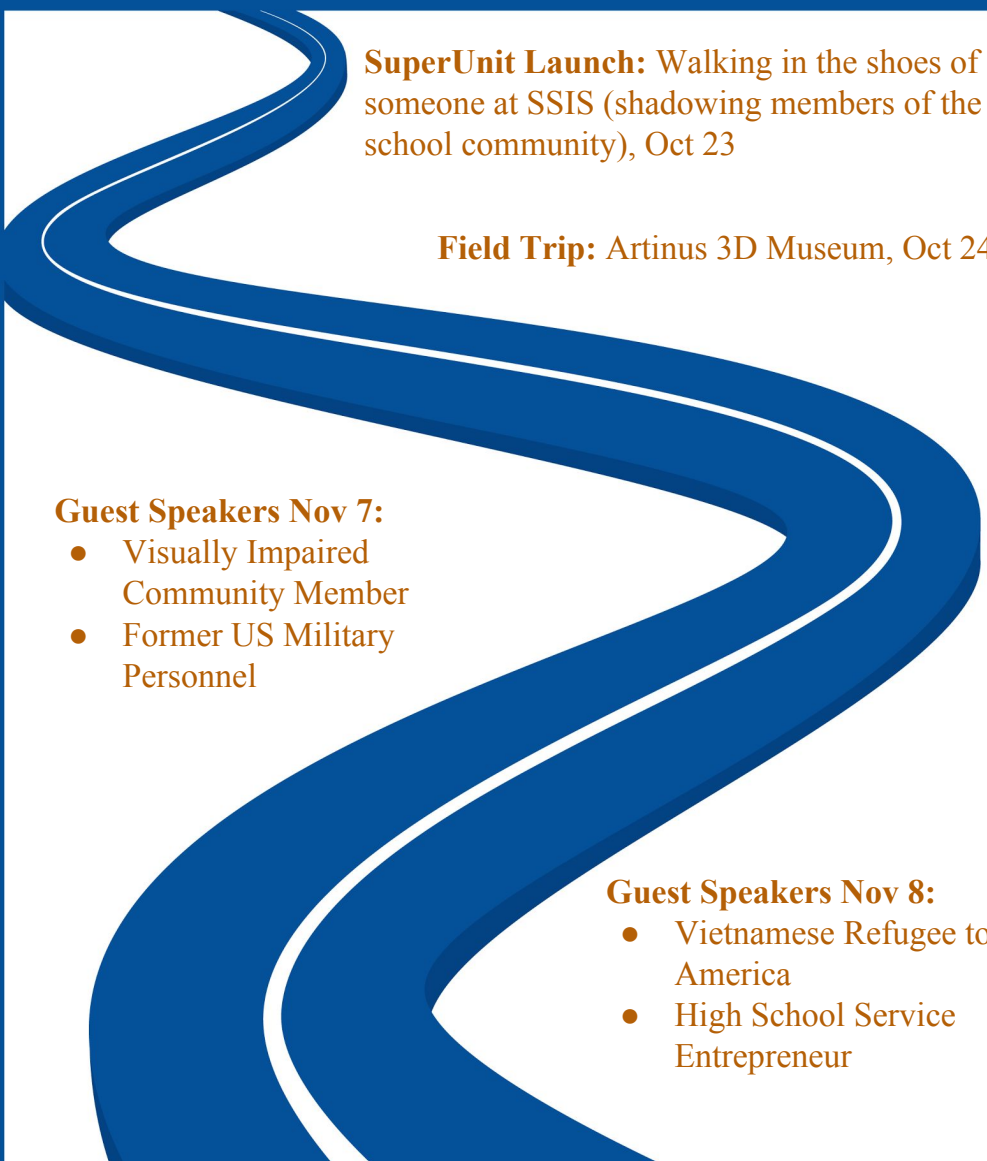


Key Vocabulary and Phrases

Perspective, reflect (in the sense of light/mirrors), vibrate, kaleidoscope, volume, wavelength, transparent diversity, culture, empathy, compassion, point of view

“Walking in someone else's shoes.”

“Seeing through the eyes of others.”



SuperUnit Launch: Walking in the shoes of someone at SSIS (shadowing members of the school community), Oct 23

Field Trip: Artinus 3D Museum, Oct 24

Guest Speakers Nov 7:

- Visually Impaired Community Member
- Former US Military Personnel

Guest Speakers Nov 8:

- Vietnamese Refugee to America
- High School Service Entrepreneur

SuperUnit Celebration:

The Third Grade Kaleidoscope, Dec 11, Auditorium, 1-3PM



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