



Understanding
Others

Grade Four

The Heart of Exploring



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 do service design thinking.

Exploring impacts o



Highlights of Learning Experiences

SuperUnit Launch: “Discovery Week”, exploring different facets of music, physical activities, drama, Vietnam and tourism, explorers throughout time, scientific processes and materials

Field Trip(s): Various Charities

Guest Speaker(s): HS Students, Dr. Norkeliunas

Project: Students will explore local service organizations, select a service learning project, and implement. Final presentation to a potential audience of interested people that may be able to help sustain the service.

Core Values: Sense of Self, Lifelong Learning
Dedicated Service, Service Learning

SuperUnit Celebration: Exploration Stations, Friday December 8, SSIS Campus



Focus on Learning by Subject

Science: Exploring science materials and the scientific process.

SS: Case studies on a variety of explorers through time.

English: Exploring Open Genre/The Writing Process, Active Reading/Book Partnerships

Math: Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers

Art: Exploring art media (some new, some with prior knowledge) as an open studio concept.

Drama: Exploring how characters react in different settings using props and costumes.

Music: Wacky instruments

PE: Exploring water games and making new ones

Vietnamese: Exploring Northern Vietnam and how tourism can be sustainable

ourselves and others.



Questions to Ask your Child

1. When do you remember a time when we explored as a family?
2. What are some favorite places you like to explore and why?
3. Why is exploring important?
4. When you explored different places what did you notice?
5. How might exploring change your views of different people and places?



Home Learning

Discuss family trips that you have taken.

Find out about your family history and traditions.

Explore charities that your family and/or friends have assisted.



Suggested Home Extensions

Take your child to a new place and explore.

Try a new experience as a family and discuss the experience together.



Key Vocabulary

Exploration
Courage
Bravery
Perseverance
Dedicated Service

Life Long Learning
Community
Design Thinking
Humanity
Needs

Nonprofit
NGO
Tourism
Sustainability
Improvisation

Experimentation
Tone
Pitch



SuperUnit Launch:

Discovery Week

October 16-20, 2017

Field trips:

Various Charities: Mid-November

Guest speakers:

HS Students

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