How We Express Ourselves

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 aesthetics
Central Idea: Stories can take on different forms and be told in many ways.

Concepts: Form, connection, and change

Lines of Inquiry:
- Where stories can be found
- Ways to tell stories
- Stories from different cultures
Central Idea:
Visual arts are a tool to create and express ideas.

Concepts: Form and perspective

Lines of Inquiry:
• What the word “art” means to you
• Different ways of expressing ourselves
• Why people use art to express their feelings
• How art has different meanings for different people
Central Idea: Stories from different cultures have similar elements.

Concepts: Form (how a book or story looks), function (how stories and writing work), and causation (why we tell stories)

Lines of Inquiry:
• Why do we tell stories?
• Who tells stories?
• What are the elements of stories?
• How do you write a story?
Central Idea: Authors write for different audiences and purposes.

Concepts: Form, perspective, and causation

Lines of Inquiry:
• Different forms of communication
• Communicating and expressing ideas through speaking, reading, and writing
Central Idea: Fairy tales can engage the audience and communicate meaning and emotions.

Concepts: Form, connection, and perspective

Lines of Inquiry:
• The elements of fairy tales
• Writing an effective story
Central Idea: We write and perform to inspire others for more tolerance and empathy

Concepts: Form, perspective, and connection

Lines of Inquiry:
- Understanding point of view of the different characters
- Making connections of content of a tale to ourselves
- Adapt a tale into a script/ silent movie
- Experience different forms of expressions
Central Idea: Advertising influences how we think and the choices we make.

Concepts: Responsibility, perspective, connection, and change

Lines of Inquiry:
- How advertisements and marketing target kids
- How advertising is used to persuade consumers
- The purpose of advertising
- The types, styles, and locations of advertisements
- The power of visual communications, including logos, trademarks, and signs
Central Idea: People use different forms of expression to convey their uniqueness as human beings.

Concepts: Reflection, form, and perspective

Lines of Inquiry:
- Forms of expression
- How teenagers express themselves