

# PS56 Lewis H. Latimer Program of Inquiry 2023-2024

## 13K056 Program of Inquiry

### First Grade

	Who We Are	Where We Are In Place and Time	Sharing the Planet	How We Express Ourselves	How We Organize Ourselves	How the World Works
	<i>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.</i>	<i>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationship between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.</i>	<i>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>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.</i>
1st	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> Our actions influence our lives and communities.</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Form, Causation, Connection, Responsibility</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Structures, Similarities and Differences, Citizenship</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b> What makes a community</p> <p>The purpose of the action cycle</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities of community members</p>	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> Improvements in technology influence how we live</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Causation, Change, Connection</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Impact, Transformation, Systems</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry</b> The relationship between our past and present</p> <p>Technological advancements influence people's lives</p> <p>Historical figures impact the lives of future generations</p>	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> All beings are connected to the earth and are affected by one another's actions</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Causation, Connection, Responsibility</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Patterns, Relationships and Interdependence Citizenship</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b> Caring for the natural environment influences our understanding of it and ourselves.</p> <p>Animals are connected to biomes</p> <p>The actions of each of us affect others.</p>	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> People use writing as a form of expressing their personal experiences</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Form, Perspective, Connection,</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Identity, Culture, Values, Stories</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b> How people tell their stories through writing</p> <p>The characteristics a writing piece has to entertain</p> <p>Stories help us make connections with other cultures</p>	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> People around the world use systems and structures to help them organize their communities.</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Function, Causation, and Connection</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Structure, Impact, Systems</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b> Systems and structures help organize the world around us</p> <p>The structure and function of organizations</p> <p>Human-made systems impact our lives</p>	<p><b>Central Idea:</b> The natural world is constantly changing.</p> <p><b>Key Concepts:</b> Causation, Change and Reflection</p> <p><b>Related Concepts:</b> Pattern, Cycles</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b> Animal and plant life cycles</p> <p>Solar system patterns in our natural world</p> <p>Sun and seasonal patterns affect our natural world</p>