

ELEMENTARY PBL (INTEGRATED PROJECTS) - 3RD GRADE



UNIT 1:

The World Shapes Us

CONCEPT:

Interdependence, Needs

DRIVING QUESTION:

How do individual choices shape communities?

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

Citizens' choices shape communities.

SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

Who needs laws? Who needs money? We will explore the connections between money, power, and our community. These things shape who we are and how we fit into the world.

Unit 2:

The Forces That Change Us

CONCEPT:

Cause and Effect, Relationships

DRIVING QUESTION:

How do external forces influence our lives

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

External forces impact human activity

SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

In this unit, we will explore the influences of environmental change on human activity and how they continue to transform the world around us. How will you face the challenges of our changing world?

Unit 3:

Survival of the Fittest

CONCEPT:

Systems, Cause and Effect

DRIVING QUESTION:

How is survival dependent on biological factors?

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

Survival is dependent on many factors.

SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever heard of Survival of the Fittest? We will explore the reasons why some animals and organisms survive and others become extinct. We will also discover choices that species might make to increase their chances of survival. What choices will you make?