



**Attribute of the learner profile is:**

***Good Communicator***

**Attitude is *Integrity***

**Dear Fourth Grade Families,**

**IB Central Idea** – *Where we live influences who we are and what we value.*

Who we are: An inquiry into the nature of 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.

We are on our new unit which will be focusing on where we come from and integrating the history of Minnesota. Here is an outline of the activities that we will be doing. This unit will involve a lot of your family heritage. This is also a good opportunity to teach them genealogy.

1.) Research the place that you grew up.

Include the following: Where do you live? How long have you lived there? What types of activities can you do there? What are some special features found in that place? What are some basic facts about the state and country you are from? Have you lived in more than one state? or country?

Part II: Reflect on how the place or (places) you have lived help shape who you are.

For example, Minnesota has four seasons so I can enjoy appreciate all four seasons. I lived in Germany and learned how to speak German. So far in my life I have lived in 5 different cities in the United States and have lived in 3 different countries so I have a very global perspective of the world that makes helped form a part of I am and what I value.

2.) What does your name mean?

For this activity you will need to ask your parents the following questions and 3 of your own.

1. Why did your parents give you your name?
2. Are you named after anyone in your family?
3. What does your name mean?
4. What other questions do you have for your parents?

3.) Write the definitions of these words:

Beliefs:

Values:

Responsibility:

Community:

Society:

4.) Family stories

In our chapter book that we are reading “The Birchbark House” by Lousie Erdrich the Grandmother tells “adisokaan” stories during the winter. Adisokaan is a traditional story that often helps explain how to live as an Ojibwa. Stories are important because Ojibwa was originally a spoken language so telling

stories were a way to preserve the culture and way of life. Ask your parents if you have any family tales that have been passed down as a part of your culture or family history that explains how to live or what to believe. If there is a family tale write about it. If there isn't one then write your own family "adisokaan" that you could pass down to the next generation.

### **1. Friday Dress up Days**

We have five more points to earn to have a non-uniform day for Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to wear jeans!!!! We are almost there! The class has worked very hard this week and I believe we will finish strong.

### **2. Summer Camp – Sign up for your Summer Fun Now**

#### **FUN AND FITNESS** June 14 - June 18

Join us for a week filled with yoga, playing sports, making and eating healthy snacks and many other creative ways to take care of your mind, body and soul.

#### **MYTHS AND LEGENDS** June 21 - June 25

This week will include a performance, making costumes like fairies, dragons and monsters, drawing creative backdrops for our own production, and at the end performing a play.

#### **GETTIN' DIRTY** June 28 - July 2

Creating a sculpture garden and diggin' in the dirt, become an artist and design a plaster mask, get crazy with hands on science experiments and many more dirty surprises.

#### **LET'S BUILD IT** July 12 - July 16

Come practice being a risk-taker and learning some construction skills. Learn how to make books, kites, foam creatures, stamps, balloon figures, a garden, masks and origami! Bring your creative minds and helpful hands!

#### **ON THE WILD SIDE** July 19 - July 23

Take a walk on the Wild Side and explore the nature around you! Play wild water games, make "stained glass" animal designs, learn about animals around the world, make wild tie-dye designs, make animal snacks, and go animal watching. You'll even have the chance to dissect owl pellets and make your own fossils!

#### **CAMP ISLA'S GOT TALENT** July 26-July 30

This week will include a performance. Come show-off your talent at Camp ISLA! Participate in a puppet show, building your own puppets, creating a stage and background and learning new songs and dances! Also flex your muscles in our Mini-Olympics!

### **3. Paint**

We will be making a flower pot chair to donate to the Fiesta de Primavera. We are still in need of outdoor paint to decorate the chair. If you could donate any tubes or spray paint cans to our classroom we would greatly appreciate it.

### **4. Bag Lunch on April 30<sup>th</sup>**

All students need to bring a bag lunch to school tomorrow Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> as there will be no hot lunch served.

### **5. La Reina y El Rey**

The new Spanish royalty of the week is Srta. Rawson as the queen and Jasper Johnson as the king. Congratulations!

## **6. Up Coming Events**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> is Spring Music Program grades 1-2. April 30<sup>th</sup> bring bag lunch.**