

# PYP, INQUIRY, AND 3rd GRADE AT PEIRCE

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CENTRAL IDEA:  
INQUIRY IS A PROCESS THAT  
ENGAGES STUDENTS IN LEARNING

*Lines of Inquiry (An Inquiry into...)*

- 1. What inquiry looks like*
- 2. How the inquiry process supports learning*
- 3. How a community supports students in inquiry*

# WHAT IS INQUIRY?

Turn and Talk...

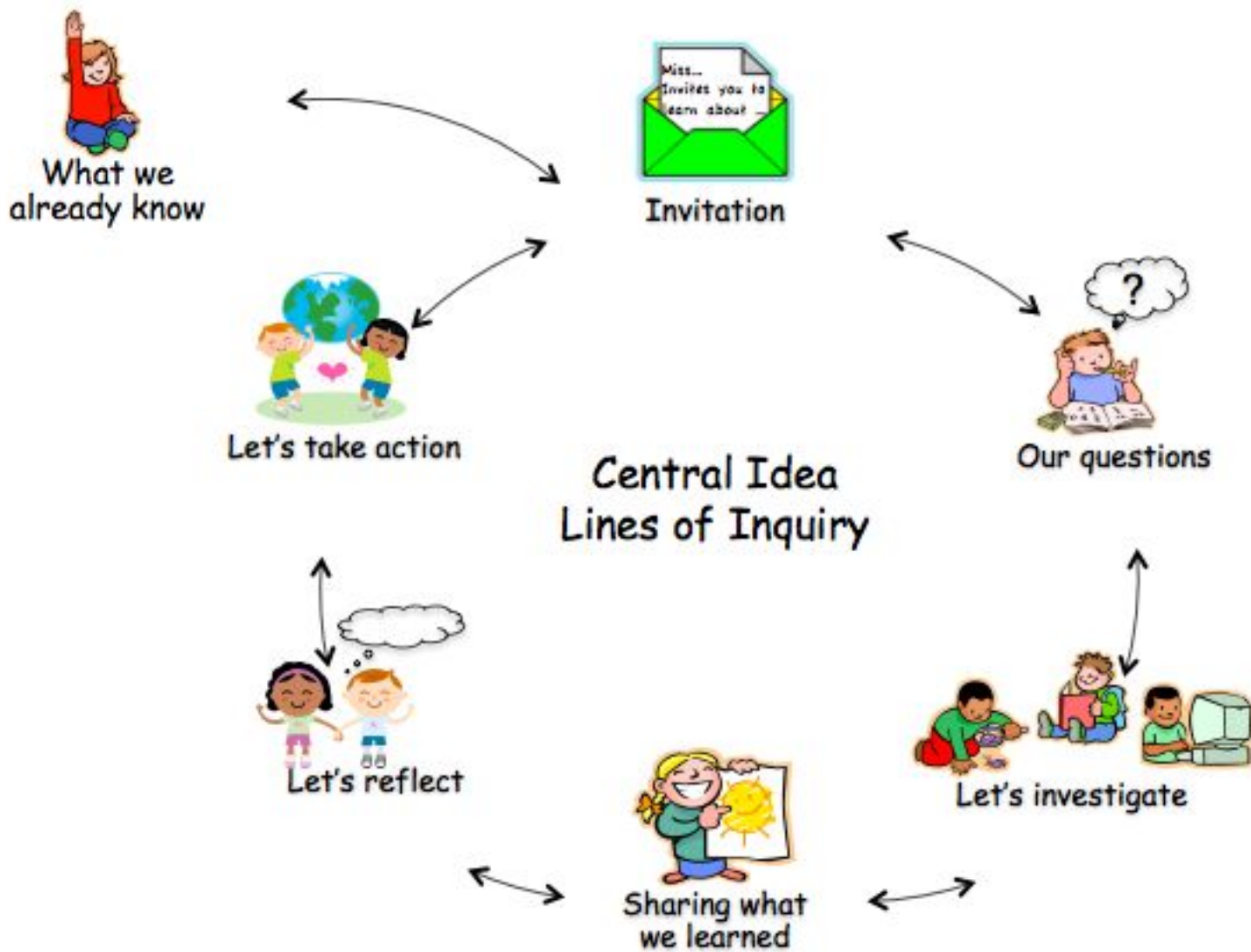
Growing up, who did you ask questions to?

How did asking questions develop your curiosity?

What kinds of experiences did you have that caused you to wonder?

# The Inquiry Cycle

## Transdisciplinary Theme



# What an inquiry classroom may look like...



## What an inquiry classroom may look like....(cont'd)

- *Student voice and choice*
- *Questions and concepts*
- *Collaborative work*
- *Strategic thinking*
- *Authentic investigations*
- *Student responsibility*
- *Student as knowledge creator*
- *Interaction and talk*
- *Teacher as model and coach*
- *Cross-disciplinary studies*
- *Multiple resources*
- *Multimodal learning*
- *Engaging in a discipline*
- *Real purpose and audience*
- *Caring and taking action*
- *Performance and self-assessment*

# INQUIRY IN 3rd GRADE

**Central Idea:** Exploration leads to discoveries, opportunities, and new understandings.

**Lines of Inquiry:**

1. Reasons for exploration
2. The consequences of exploration
3. A single event can be seen from several perspectives

A Look at Non-Fiction Reading/Writing in 3rd Grade

# PROTOCOL FOR CLASSROOMS

**Just Observe – Please do not talk to the students or teachers**

**Please do not judge the students or teachers**

**Focus on moments of inquiry**

**Please do not take pictures or video**



# Peirce Parent Action Plan

*How will I support my child's inquiry learning at home?*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What my child is learning about? Interested in?</b>	<b>How I can support these interests/learnings at home?</b>	<b>What resources will I need?</b>	<b>How can Peirce support you and your family?</b>

# What can I do at home?

- Ask about what your child is learning in class.
- Support and encourage interest and curiosity by following up with activities at home.
- Encourage and practice good communication skills such as starting conversations and debates about current events.
- Help your kids develop research skills online and from text.
- Enjoy building projects together in the home.

# School-Wide Announcements

Volunteer Opportunities - PSO, FOP, PAC

Need a BAC Chairperson

E-Communications - are you receiving the school newsletter online?

Parent Portal

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