

October 13thth, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are ready to begin our unit entitled Trains, Planes and Automobiles. Below you will find all of the unit-specific information.

Transdisciplinary Theme: *How we organize ourselves*

Central Idea: Transportation systems are created in order to meet the needs of people.

The lines of inquiry are:

The different forms of transportation (form)

How different transportation is used depending on individual needs (function)

How transportation affects the environment (connection)

Attitudes: cooperation and curiosity

Skills: research, thinking

Attributes: inquirers and knowledgeable

At the conclusion of this unit we will be looking for the students to be able differentiate between a method of transportation and a transportation system. We will also be asking students to explain the relationship between a transportation system and a human need.

We imagine that our students have been fortunate enough to travel on different types of transportation systems. If you have travelled by airplane, train, metro, boat or any other type of transport, please send a picture of the transportation to school. (Either a photograph or a printed image) We will be making a large collage of all of the methods of transportation that our students have used.

As always we value parent contributions. If you would like to contribute to our unit in any way, please feel free to contact us.

Thank-you

The grade 2 teachers