Act – What will our Learning Experience at Forest Valley Look Like?

Each field trip to Forest Valley is designed to be a complete **Inquiry Learning Cycle** that can integrate with previous learning and ignite further learning back at school.

This **Inquiry Learning Cycle is based on the inquiry processes** found in the <u>Kindergarten Curriculum (p. 15)</u>, <u>Social Studies 1-6</u>, <u>History and Geography 7 and 8 (p. 22)</u> and <u>Science and Technology 1-8 (p. 12-18)</u>, The Creative Process <u>Arts (pp. 19-22)</u>, Achievement Criteria <u>Language (pp. 17-18)</u> and the Problem Solving Model <u>Mathematics (pp. 12-13)</u>.

Learning Skills Development (*activities will vary depending on weather, class readiness and availability)

- 1. Get me interested- Engagement- Formulate Questions
 - Using literature, drama or image, introduce Framing Question: What learning skills do we need and how do we develop the character to improve them?
- 2. Let me explore- *Exploration* Gather and Organize
 - Begin Cooperative Activities focussing on teamwork, communication (listening, speaking, body language), cooperation, trust, sharing information and problem solving
- 3. Give me a chance to apply my learning- *Investigation-* Interpret and Analyse
 - Group dynamics are pushed into the 'growth zone' as students act and then reflect on what these characteristics look like, sound like and feel like
 - Activities will progress from individual to small group and/or large group challenges
- 4. Let me talk about my learning- *Debrief* Evaluate and Draw Conclusions Let me plan what I want to learn next- Communicate

For more information on inquiry learning please follow the hyperlinks below:

Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat Capacity Building Series:

Inquiry Based Learning Getting Started With Student Inquiry