

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 [Kindergarten Curriculum \(p. 15\)](#), [Social Studies 1-6, History and Geography 7 and 8 \(p. 22\)](#) and [Science and Technology 1-8 \(p. 12-18\)](#), The Creative Process [Arts \(pp. 19-22\)](#), Achievement Criteria [Language \(pp. 17-18\)](#) and the Problem Solving Model [Mathematics \(pp. 12-13\)](#).

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 from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat please read these monographs from the Capacity Building Series:

[Inquiry Based Learning](#)

[Getting Started With Student Inquiry](#)