

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 \(pp. 12-18\)](#), The Creative Process [Arts \(pp. 19-22\)](#), Achievement Criteria [Language \(pp. 17-18\)](#) and the Problem Solving Model [Mathematics \(pp. 12-13\)](#).

Habitats and Communities (*activities will vary depending on weather, class readiness and availability)

- 1. Get me interested- *Engagement- Formulate Questions***
 - Students are introduced to plants and/or animals that live here at Forest Valley
 - Review basic needs of all animals (food, water, shelter, space) and ask the Framing Question: How do all living things (including humans) depend on their habitat to meet their needs?
- 2. Let me explore- *Exploration- Gather and Organize***
 - Explore the habitats of present at Forest Valley (forest, meadow, river, wetland, pond) and look for evidence of animals and plants and their interrelationship
- 3. Give me a chance to apply my learning- *Investigation- Interpret and Analyse***
 - Apply the learning from the habitat exploration to a variety of habitat simulation games
- 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](#)