Hello Families!

We are about to begin a new inquiry unit that will span 6 school weeks. The focus this time is on technology and thinking about the essential question “Has technology helped or harmed humanity?”

This is a big inquiry that will take time. There will be emotions like frustration at the start, but this is part of the research process. At the start they will likely feel uncertain, as they begin to select and hone their ideas they may feel optimistic, as they explore the resources they may feel confused, frustrated or doubt their ability to do this. As they begin to piece everything together they will start to feel some clarity. When they get to creating something from their work they will hopefully feel a sense of direction and confidence and when they present we hope they will feel satisfaction. We will be talking through this with them, from your end if they feel ready to give up, please help encourage them and remind them that it is part of this process!

There are also a lot of parts to this inquiry. We will be working with them regularly to ensure they stay on track. Check the timeline on the inquiry page to see where they should be. There will be a week by week update posted to your child’s FreshGrade.

Aside from math, this is all they have to work on for 5 weeks (the 6th week is the showcase). They will have had 3 hours to work on it when they come home and may not want to put in more time in the evening. If they’re on track, that’s fine.

So what should you do at home:
- Encourage
- Ask questions
- Be supportive

Thank you,

Mrs. Scott + Mr. Jeffery