

We are very excited to begin our new social studies Inquiry: **Meeting Needs and Wants**.

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Communities are created to meet our common needs, giving us a sense of belonging, trust, care, and safety. In this Inquiry, students are introduced to the concepts of needs and wants, scarcity, and abundance, as well as the ways that producers and consumers interact and how individuals and communities make choices about how to use their resources. Then, they work together to design their own community model, taking action together to shape the world around them.



Over the course of each Inquiry, students work toward addressing a big, overarching question called an Inquiry Question. The Inquiry Question that will guide students forward in this Inquiry is: **How can we work together to meet community needs and wants?** In order to explore this big Inquiry Question, students will be answering a series of smaller questions (called Essential Questions) along the way. These include:

- Why can't I have everything I want?
- How do people make spending and saving decisions?
- How do community producers meet needs and wants?
- How do people work together to help their communities?

We are excited to dive into this social studies content together! Thank you for your support.

