

PLEASE HELP US ☺☺☺

St. Cecelia is presently a candidate school for the Primary Years Programme and we will continue our journey to authorization in the 2017-2018 school year.

IB is inquiry based learning and **PROVOCATION** opens each new PYP unit of exploration. Because provocation is so important to stimulating children's interests we are asking each family to return to school with an **ARTIFACT** or purposeful **REPLICA**. These artifacts or replicas should have a spiritual, cultural, or historical significance. We are asking all SCS families to think about SCS on their travels and summer experiences. If each K-5th grade family returns to school with an artifact or replica we will be off to a great start in building our resources for our Program of Inquiry.

What is an artifact? According to vocabulary.com/dictionary, an artifact is an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest. Artifacts are manmade or natural with some human modification such as a bone that has been carved.

Examples include:

- Stone tools
- Pottery vessels
- Metal objects such as prehistoric weapons
- Buttons
- Jewelry and clothing of historical representation.

The difference between an artifact and a replica is that an artifact is an object made or shaped by human hand and a replica is an exact copy.

Examples include:

- Statue of Liberty model
- Postcard of the Arc de Triomphe
- Map of the Grand Teton National Park
- Replica of an old Chinese coin
- A duplicate of an original artistic work

This is a school community effort and your participation is welcomed but **not** mandatory. If you have the opportunity to collect an artifact or replica to donate to our resource library, please have your student bring it to school the first day. Homeroom teachers will keep all articles in a classroom bin.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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