**TAG UPDATES: Second grade**

Your child is currently working on Unit 2: Where in the World? **This unit is a Social Studies unit focused on higher order/ critical thinking and advanced communication skills. Students will travel around the world studying the locations and terrain, language, culture, and climate of several countries.  Some of the countries students will study are Vietnam, Australia, Brazil, Kenya, France and Panama.**

As always we will continue to concentrate on research, communication and creative problem solving. Included you will see a sample of some of the lessons we have been working on.

Please review and **return** ALL papers. Below is a list of lessons that will be completed during the unit and what your child has completed at this point. Keep in mind, not all lessons have been introduced at this time.

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| **Lessons** | **Artifact** | **Completed** |
| Lesson 1: The United States  The Melting Pot | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  Synthesis Activity:Passport creation |  |
| Lesson 2: Vietnam  Climate and Crops | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  *Everybody cooks Rice*  Schools in Vietnam vs. American Schools |  |
| Lesson 3:Australia  Location and Economy | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  Great Barrier Reefs at Risk: Synthesis Product of choice |  |
| Lesson 4: Brazil  Rainforest Importance | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  Rainforest Story |  |
| Lesson 5: Kenya  Relationship of landforms to needs and wants | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  Analogies  Synthesis Activity: Poem or brochure |  |
| Lesson 6: France  Mystery lesson  Compare and Contrast | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  French buildings |  |
| Lesson 7: Panama  Inquiry Lesson | Country Comparison Chart  Map Skills  Synthesis Activity: Student choice |  |
| **Culminating Activity** | Create your ideal imaginary country |  |
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