**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 StatesThe Melting Pot | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsSynthesis Activity:Passport creation |  |
| Lesson 2: VietnamClimate and Crops | Country Comparison ChartMap Skills*Everybody cooks Rice*Schools in Vietnam vs. American Schools |  |
| Lesson 3:AustraliaLocation and Economy | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsGreat Barrier Reefs at Risk: Synthesis Product of choice |  |
| Lesson 4: BrazilRainforest Importance | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsRainforest Story |  |
| Lesson 5: KenyaRelationship of landforms to needs and wants | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsAnalogiesSynthesis Activity: Poem or brochure |  |
| Lesson 6: France Mystery lessonCompare and Contrast | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsFrench buildings |  |
| Lesson 7: PanamaInquiry Lesson | Country Comparison ChartMap SkillsSynthesis Activity: Student choice |  |
| **Culminating Activity** | Create your ideal imaginary country |  |
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