

# Exploring our Origins

"A Collective Study of our Johnson Family History"



Dear Parents

Your participation is requested in a collective cultural study of our historical origins as we unpack the question, "Where are we from?" in art class this year. While second graders are largely focusing on this element of art, I felt it would be interesting to get a "global" perspective of where *each of us* comes from. Art is as much about exploring our own identity as it is learning about the culture of others, and what better way for us to make connections to our artistic endeavors than to map out our history together. I would like to invite you and your family to research your cultural heritage, and respond to the question: Where are you from? As we focus on indigenous cultures of North, Central and South America in order to appreciate the rich culture that native populations left behind as artifacts of creative civilization.