

# SD 38 Core Competencies

Teachers and families, the following lesson can help your student develop their core competency.

<b>Inquiry Question:</b> What makes up your community?
<b>Core Competency:</b> Personal-Social (Social Awareness and Responsibility), Communication
<b>First Peoples Principle of Learning:</b> Community, Identity
<b>Curricular Competency:</b> Inquiry and communication
<b>Connections to areas of learning:</b> Social studies, ELA

## Lesson: The Place Where I Live

### Activity:

Share with your student that today's lesson will focus around the question:

*What makes up your community?*

Prior to today's walk, ask students to consider: *What do you think you might find or see in your community?*

*How could you keep track of/record your findings?*

Provide students with time to gather or prepare materials for taking with them on the walk (clipboard, pencils, notebook, watercolours, iPad, digital cameras, etc).

Accompany your student on a short walk around the community, pausing to observe what makes their community unique--special landmarks, points of interest, unique natural spots (ie. the "big rock), personalities etc.. Ask students what they are noticing and invite them to record a few of their observations. Ask students to consider: What do the things that are in the community tell you about the people in the community? Discuss their wonders or questions, but do not feel the need to answer them all. If you wish, their questions can lead to further at home investigations.

Once home, students will draw a postcard that captures the uniqueness of their neighbourhood. On the back of the card, students will describe to someone what is special about their neighbourhood.

**Core Competency Reflection:** Ask your student: what did you learn today about your community, and how does your community affect your life? What action can you take to support your community? Why?