Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to begin our PBL in Literacy class! To read more on our PBL work in D41, please go to <http://www.d41.org/d41pbl.htm>.

Beginning October 26, our students will begin their PBL where the students will be placed in collaborative groups to solve the following problem: **The faculty and staff at Hephzibah Children’s Association see acts of racism in their group home among some of the children living there. They have some students that live at the group home who not only discriminate towards other students but also members of the staff. This is mostly due to the diversity in their group home of races and skin color. Many of these students have learned this behavior and attitude. Create a lesson plan about diversity to share with the faculty and staff at Hephzibah Children’s Association.**

As a part of our problem based learning unit, we will immerse the students in the inquiry process. Students will be researching, reading, writing, conducting interviews, and more. We also plan to incorporate many other engaging activities including guest speakers and group work.

**It’s important to know our panel presentation Information:**

**Date - December 2 during Literacy Class**

**Please note that students should dress nicely for their keynote presentation**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our PBL Coach, Hillary Shumate (hshumate@d41.org) will contact you directly to give you more details about panel should you be able to join us!

Sincerely,

Ms. Tannenbaum