

**\*\* Overarching Question for the year \*\***

***Is it ever the right choice to break a promise?***

Session 1: Build The Tribe- 8 weeks August 20- October 8th

Quest Overview:

The Build the Tribe Quest is the first quest in both the Spark and Lower Elementary studios each year. It is repeated annually because each group of learners is unique and needs to share these foundational experiences with the “tribe” they are in. Establishing a tight-knit community from the beginning is essential because, in a learner-driven studio, learners rely on one another for support, constructive feedback, and accountability throughout the year.

This Quest has 3 goals to build a strong Tribe:

- Inspire - Invite each learner to be on a Hero’s Journey
- Connect - Team Building & Writing of both Studio and School Contracts
- Equip - Introducing and implementing Acton Processes and Systems

Narrative:

All Quests have a narrative that ties everything together. In this Quest, the narrative is building a strong foundation for the year to come.

Content:

- Contract creation and signing
- Introduction of a Core Skills tracking system
- Creation of a Lip Dub
- Learning about community, responsibilities, and fellow learners
- Introduction of D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
- Understanding what a growth mindset is
- Why studio maintenance is important
- What it means to be on a Hero’s Journey

Badges:

Introduction or continued growth in the following Badges

- Learning to be grateful
- Learning self control
- Learning what an apology should look, sound and feel like
- Learning to solve problems and be a peaceful problem solver
- Learning to be a leader

#### Community Partners/Enrichment:

- Vail Performing Arts Academy- Performance Drama
- Dewey Dabbles- Art
- Move With Me Books- Mindful movement and yoga
- Mauka and Twisted Root- Lunch

#### Hero Visits: (when community members come to share their expertise)

- Alice Feagan- Alice is a freelance illustration artist that focuses on the creation of art for children's books, magazines, games, and products.
- John Lewhew- Author of *Let's Go Outside*, a children's book

#### Reading:

- Introduction or continuation of Waseca reading program (Spark and LE)
- All about Learning Books (LE)
- Lexia: (LE)

#### Math:

- Montessori Math (Spark)
- Dreambox (Spark and LE)
- Zearn (Spark and LE)
- Life of Fred Book (Spark and LE)

#### Writing:

- Handwriting without tears (Spark and LE)
- A series of in studio real world writing opportunities like thank you notes and writing journal prompts (Spark and LE)
- Waseca Writing program (Spark and LE)

STEM:

- Getting to know our Maker Space and finding ways to intentionally build, test and create together