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Pre-K • 2009-2010 Scope & Sequence

SEPTEMBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
School	NCSS: Individual, groups, and institutions	letter <i>b</i>	Analyzing pictures
Apples	NSES: Life cycles of organisms		Making visual discriminations
Animals	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Classifying objects
Five Senses	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>m</i>	Making decisions

OCTOBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Fire Safety	NSES: Personal Health		Making decisions
Fall	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky		Acquiring vocabulary
Pumpkins	NSES: Life cycles of organisms	letter <i>p</i>	Sequencing
Night Animals	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>n</i>	Counting

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Turkeys	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Using a diagram
Thanksgiving	NCSS: Time, continuity and change		Classifying objects
Hibernation	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>h</i>	Recalling details
Holidays	NCSS: Culture	letter <i>l</i>	Sequencing

JANUARY

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Penguins	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>w</i>	Using a diagram
Winter	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky		Analyzing pictures
Martin Luther King Jr.	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	letter <i>c</i>	Making decisions
Groundhog Day	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Acquiring vocabulary

FEBRUARY / MARCH

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Dental Health	NSES: Personal Health	letter <i>d</i>	Making decisions
Tigers	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>t</i>	Analyzing pictures
Presidents' Day	NCSS: Power, authority, and governance		Counting
Winter Olympics	NCSS: Individuals, groups and institutions		Matching words and pictures

APRIL

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Habitats	NSES: Organisms and environments	letter <i>f</i>	Matching words and pictures
Plants	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Using a diagram
Eggs	NSES: Life cycles of organisms		Counting and writing numerals
Earth Day	NSES: Organisms and environments	letter <i>r</i>	Recalling details

MAY/JUNE

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
The Sun	NSES: Objects in the sky		Classifying objects
Exercise	NSES: Personal health		Using a diagram
Ladybugs	NSES: Life cycles of organisms	letter <i>l</i>	Sequencing
Summer Safety	NSES: Personal health	letter <i>s</i>	Making decisions



Scope and Sequence Works for Kindergartners!

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Kindergarten • 2009–2010 Scope & Sequence

SEPTEMBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
School	NCSS: Individual, groups, and institutions	letter <i>m</i>	Making associations
Apples	NSES: Life cycles of organisms		Classifying objects
Zoo	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Matching words and pictures
Helpers	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	letter <i>h</i>	Reinforcing vocabulary

OCTOBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Fire Safety	NSES: Personal Health	letter <i>s</i>	Making decisions
Fall	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky		Acquiring vocabulary
Old and New	NCSS: Time, continuity and change		Making comparisons
Owls	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>n</i>	Using a diagram

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Healthy Habits	NSES: Personal Health	letter <i>w</i>	Making decisions
Thanksgiving	NCSS: Time, continuity and change		Identifying beginning sounds
Homes	NCSS: Culture		Sequencing
Holidays	NCSS: Culture	letter <i>g</i>	Counting

JANUARY

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Penguins	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>w</i>	Using a diagram
Winter	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky		Analyzing pictures
Martin Luther King Jr.	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	letter <i>c</i>	Making decisions
Groundhog Day	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Acquiring vocabulary

FEBRUARY / MARCH

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Dental Health	NSES: Personal Health	letter <i>d</i>	Making decisions
Chinese New Year	NCSS: Culture	letter <i>t</i>	Matching words and pictures
Presidents' Day	NCSS: Power, authority, and governance		Counting money
Winter Olympics	NCSS: Individuals, groups and institutions		Using a graph

APRIL

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Weather	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky		Analyzing pictures
Trees	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	letter <i>l</i>	Using a diagram
Communication	NSES: Science, technology, and society		Reading comprehension
Earth Day	NSES: Organisms and environments	letter <i>r</i>	Making decisions

MAY/JUNE

Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Dragonflies	NSES: Characteristics of organisms		Using a diagram
Space	NSES: Objects in the sky	letter <i>a</i>	Acquiring vocabulary
Ocean	NSES: Life cycles of organisms		Analyzing pictures
Summer Safety	NSES: Personal health	letter <i>s</i>	Reading comprehension

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Grade 1 • 2009-2010 Scope & Sequence

SEPTEMBER Fall Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
First Grade	NCSS: Individual development	CVC	Following Directions
Our Constitution	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Vocabulary	Reading comprehension
Apples	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Initial consonants	Using a diagram
Hurricanes	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Vocabulary	Using a chart
OCTOBER			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Fire Safety	NSES: Personal Health	Rhyming words	Using a map
Baby Animals Staying Safe	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Vocabulary	Reading comprehension
Pumpkins	NSES: Life cycle of organisms	Short vowel u	Following a sequence
Night Animals	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Final consonants	Using a diagram
NOV / DEC Winter Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Bald Eagles	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Plurals	Reading comprehension
Thanksgiving	NCSS: Time, continuity and change	Initial digraphs	Using a map
Native Americans	NCSS: Culture	Rhyming words	Reading comprehension
Holidays	NCSS: Culture	Short vowel o	Solving word problems
JANUARY			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Germs	NSES: Personal health	Vocabulary	Problem solving
Martin Luther King Jr.	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Vocabulary	Making a word web
Harp Seals	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Short vowel a	Following a sequence
Kids Around the World	NCSS: Culture	Synonyms	Using a map
FEBRUARY			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Winter Olympics	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Adjectives	Reading comprehension
Black History Month	NCSS: Individuals, groups, and institutions	Proper nouns	Using a chart
Dental Health Month	NSES: Personal Health	Final digraphs	Using a diagram
Presidents' Day	NCSS: Power, authority, and governance	Punctuation	Using a map
MARCH Spring Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Women's History Month	NCSS: Individuals, groups and institutions	Plurals	Reading comprehension
Computers	NSES: Abilities of technology design	Vocabulary	Using a diagram
Pandas	NSES: Characteristics of Organisms	Suffixes (-er, -est)	Using a map
Space	NSES: Objects in the sky	CVCE words	Using a chart
APRIL			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Seeds	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Contractions	Using a diagram
Animal poems	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Long vowels	Reading comprehension
Frogs	NSES: Life cycles of organisms	Main idea	Using a chart
Earth Day	NSES: Organisms and their environments	Vocabulary	Using a graph
MAY/JUNE			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Insects	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Counting syllables	Following a sequence
Our Country	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Verbs	Using a map
The Seashore	NSES: Organisms and their environments	Compound words	Use a diagram
Summer Safety	NSES: Personal Health	Long vowels	Reading comprehension

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Grade 2 • 2009-2010 Scope & Sequence

SEPTEMBER Fall Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Monarch Butterflies	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Vocabulary	Using a map
Hispanic Heritage Month	NCSS: Culture	Rhyming words	Using a chart
Hurricanes	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Homophones	Using a graph
Constitution Week	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Nouns	Reading comprehension
OCTOBER			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Fire Safety	NSES: Personal Health	Compound words	Using a map
Computers	NSES: Abilities of technology design	Vocabulary	Using a diagram
Pumpkins	NSES: Life cycle of organisms	Synonyms	Using a chart
Dinosaurs	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Action words	Reading comprehension
NOV / DEC Winter Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Veterans Day	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Alphabetical order	Using a map
Thanksgiving	NCSS: Culture	Double vowels	Using a graph
Hibernation	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Antonyms	Using a chart
Holidays	NCSS: Culture	Vocabulary	Reading comprehension
JANUARY			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Around the World	NCSS: Culture	Compare and contrast	Reading comprehension
Martin Luther King Jr.	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Pronouns	Using a time line
Volcanoes	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Possessive nouns	Using a chart
Polar Bears	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Vocabulary	Using a map
FEBRUARY			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Winter Olympics	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Adjectives	Reading comprehension
Black History Month	NCSS: Individuals, groups, and institutions	Proper nouns	Using a map
Dental Health Month	NSES: Personal Health	Vocabulary	Using a diagram
Presidents' Day	NCSS: Power, authority, and governance	Punctuation	Using a chart
MARCH Spring Literacy Assessment*			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Women's History Month	NCSS: Individuals, groups and institutions	Writing a letter	Reading comprehension
National Nutrition Month	NSES: Personal Health	Prefixes	Using a chart
Rain Forest	NSES: Organisms and environments	Suffixes	Using a map
Space	NSES: Objects in the sky	Vocabulary	Using a diagram
APRIL			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Weather	NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Contractions	Using a diagram
Poetry and Science	NSES: Organisms and environments	Complete sentences	Reading comprehension
Frogs	NSES: Life cycles of organisms	Main idea	Using a chart
Earth Day	NSES: Organisms and environments	Vocabulary	Using a graph
MAY/JUNE			
Topic	Content Area/Standard	Literacy Skill	Activity
Insects	NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Abbreviations	Using a diagram
Our Country	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Adverbs	Reading comprehension
Inventions	NSES: Abilities of technological design	Sequencing	Using a chart
Oceans	NSES: Organisms and environments	Vocabulary	Using a map

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Scope and Sequence Works for Third through 6th Graders!

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Grade 3

LANGUAGE

Experience pleasure from books and print

Expand vocabulary
(receptive and expressive)

Name and identify

- parts of speech
- antonyms
- synonyms
- homophones

Identify elements of a newspaper
(article, headline, caption)

READING

Expand phonemic and phonological awareness of complex words

Expand phonics skills

- decode words
- recognize sight words

Expand reading comprehension

- understand main idea
- predict outcomes
- draw conclusions

Understand cause-and-effect relationships

Use headlines to infer subject of *WR News* articles

Retell features of narrative text that is read independently for pleasure

Use a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words

WRITING

Write complete sentences and use proper mechanics

Write and show understanding of

- narratives
- descriptions
- expository texts

using standard and invented spellings, punctuation, and paragraph forms

Write a letter (for example, to the editor)

CROSS-CURRICULUM

Science:

Expand awareness of immediate environment

- animals/habitats/life cycles
- environment/weather
- recent scientific developments

Social Studies:

Expand awareness of character education

Expand awareness of

- current events
- geography
- U.S. history/traditions/government/holidays

Math:

Interpret data in graphs, tables, and timelines

Solve word problems that use money, time, and math computation

Computer Awareness:

Use URLs to find specific Web sites

Use search engines to find specific information

Write and send e-mail

Senior (Grades 4-6)

LANGUAGE

Experience pleasure from books and print

Expand vocabulary
(receptive and expressive)

Name and identify

- parts of speech
- antonyms
- synonyms
- homophones
- idioms

Conduct interviews as a method of gaining information

Name parts of a newspaper article

Identify and compare two or more viewpoints in describing an event or a news story

READING

Expand phonics and decoding skills for complex words

Identify and understand the meaning of

- prefixes
- suffixes
- compound words

Improve reading comprehension

Understand cause-and-effect relationships

Restate major ideas in concise form

Distinguish literal meaning from author's purpose

Summarize main idea of a news story

Distinguish between fact/opinion, true/false

Identify and evaluate viewpoints

Improve fluency in reading passages

Retell features of narrative text that is read independently for pleasure

Use a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words

WRITING

Write complete sentences and use proper mechanics

Be able to parse a written sentence

Write and show understanding of

- narratives
- descriptions
- expository texts
- persuasive essay

using standard and invented spellings, punctuation, and paragraph forms

Write a letter to the editor

Prepare and use outlines in writing

CROSS-CURRICULUM

Science:

Expand awareness beyond environment

- animals/habitats
- space/weather/environment/earth science
- health/safety/recent scientific developments

Expand knowledge of scientific developments

- energy/forces/matter/evolution/tectonics

Social Studies:

Discuss topics of character education

Expand awareness beyond environment

- U.S. and world history/geography/government
- ancient civilizations and culture
- world leaders
- current events

Math:

Interpret math concepts and data through graphs, charts, timelines, and maps

Computer Awareness:

Use the Internet to gather information

Use e-mail to correspond

Use URLs to find specific Web sites