

## BLUE VALLEY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

## **English Language Arts | Fourth Grade**

Reading



## Unit #: 4 Patterns in the Sky

🐂 essential skills and content		
Overview	Why do people study space? In Unit 4, students will be learning space technology.  Time Frame- 4 weeks	g the science concepts of the solar system, space exploration, and
Essential Questions	How do I make generalizations from reading a text? How do I paraphrase information from a text? How do I use clues from the text to visualize what the author is writing? How do I use main idea and details to create a summary of a text? How does connotation and denotation help us better understand the text? How do context clues help us to understand the meanings of words?	
Content/Skills	Target Skill  Distinguishing Fact & Opinion (RI 4.1) (RL 4.1) Practice Companion pages 288 & 306  Identify Text Structure (R CCR.4.5) Practice Companion pages 335 & 354  Comprehension Strategy  Making Connections (RL 4.7) (RI 4.7) Practice Companion pages 285 & 303  Ask & Answer Questions (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion pages 328-329, 348-349  Skills and Strategies may require additional resources and teaching.	Suggested skills and strategies to introduce and reinforce with this unit.  Theme (RL 4.2) Poetry Elements (RL 4.5) Figurative Language (L 4.5) Author's Purpose (bias and attitude) (RI 4.8) Character Traits (RL 4.3)  *Please note that practice companion pages are used to help guide instruction through independent or whole group learning.  Suggested tools and resources. Brain Pop *purchased item Discovery Education *purchased item(Galileo Animated Hero Classics) Lead 21 Website Edmodo Thinglink
	Word Study and Phonics	• Hilligillik

<ul> <li>Spelling <ul> <li>Vowel Sounds –ed, -ing; a &amp; e final sounds; y to i; final long e (RF 4.3)</li> <li>Practice Companion pages 280, 298, 324, 344</li> </ul> </li> <li>Noun Suffixes (RF 4.3a) <ul> <li>Practice Companion pages 289 &amp; 326</li> </ul> </li> <li>Comparatives &amp; Superlatives (L 4.3)</li> <li>Practice Companion pages 307, 346, 355</li> </ul> <li>Vocabulary Strategy <ul> <li>Synonyms (L 4.5c)</li> <li>Practice Companion pages 286-287</li> </ul> </li> <li>Making Analogies (L 4.5)</li> <li>Practice Companion pages 304-305</li> <li>Classify Words (L 4.5)</li> <li>Practice Companion pages 330-331</li>	<ul> <li>Glogster</li> <li>Padlet</li> <li>Study Island *purchased item</li> <li>STARS and CARS *purchased item</li> <li>Scoot Pad *free and paid versions</li> <li>Common Core Language Arts 4 Today: Daily Skills Practice *purchased item</li> <li>Mountain Language *purchased item</li> <li>Time For Kids *purchased item</li> <li>Scholastic News *purchased item</li> </ul>

ng balanced assessment		
COMPONENT Formative Assessment	REQUIRED Running Records	SUGGESTED  Weekly Assessments  Week 1 and 2 as formatives  Practice companion pages  Study Island *purchased item  STARS and CARS *purchased item
Summative Assessment	Quarterly Benchmark Assessment	<ul> <li>Scoot Pad *free and paid versions</li> <li>Weekly Assessments</li> <li>Week 3 and 4 as summative</li> <li>E Handbook-Lead 21 online the last page</li> <li>Differentiated Assessment</li> <li>Vocabulary Quiz based on Theme Reader vocabulary</li> </ul>
District-Wide Common Assessment	MAP Kansas State Test Placement Test	

🐂 learning experiences		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	LEAD 21 Close Reading-strategy/skill two to three a week	
Content Literacy		
Technology / Media	LEAD 21- online field trip	<ul> <li>SMART-Resources</li> <li>LEAD 21 online games and resources</li> <li>EDMODO</li> <li>Discovery Education *purchased item</li> <li>Study Island *purchase</li> <li>Brain Pop * purchase</li> <li>Book Flix *purchase</li> <li>IXL *purchase</li> <li>Tumble Books *purchase</li> <li>Pebble Go</li> <li>Read Naturally</li> <li>Skype with NASA</li> </ul>
Differentiation / Intervention	Differentiated Readers Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) (Reading Support) Literacy Centers	LEAD 21-online coaching

🦬 content-specific components		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
	Inquiry Process 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills  Research  Note Taking & Paraphrasing  Collaboration  Listening Skills  Evaluate & Cite Sources  Use Library Resources	<ul> <li>Possible Inquiry Questions</li> <li>What would happen if our planet was closer to or further away from the sun?</li> <li>Could people live on the moon one day?</li> <li>Could there be life on other planets?</li> <li>What is required to sustain life on another planet?</li> <li>How might space be a part of our future?</li> <li>How has technology changed to aid in space exploration?</li> </ul>
		Presentation Ideas: