




Unit #: 6

Nature's Neighborhoods

essential skills and content

Overview	<p>How are living things connected? In Unit 6, students will be learning the science concepts of ecosystems, habitats, interdependence, and adaptations for survival.</p> <p>Time Frame- 4 weeks</p>	
Essential Questions	<p>How do I categorize and classify to better understand new information? How does comparing and contrasting lead to better understanding of information? How do I ask and answer questions to help create a summary? How does drawing inferences and making connections in the text help me understand what I am reading? How does connotation and denotation help us better understand the text? How does understanding idioms make us a better reader?</p>	
Content/Skills	<p>Target Skill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorize and Classify (RI 4.1) (RL 4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 104 & 122 • Compare and Contrast (RL.4.9) (RI.4.9) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 151 & 170 <p>Comprehension Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize (RL 4.2) (RI 4.2) Practice Companion page 119 • Making Inferences (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 101 • Making Connections (RL 4.7) (RI 4.7) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 145 • Ask and Answer Questions (RL 4.1) (RI 4.1) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 165 <p>Skills and Strategies may require additional resources and teaching.</p>	<p>Suggested skills and strategies to introduce and reinforce with this unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>*Please note that practice companion pages are used to help guide instruction through independent or whole group learning.</p> <p>Suggested tools and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain Pop *purchased item • Discovery Education *purchased item • Lead 21 Website • Edmodo • Thinglink • Glogster

	<p>Word Study and Phonics</p> <p>Spelling Patterns vccv; vcv; vcccv;(RF 4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 96, 114, 140, 160</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek and Latin roots (L 4.4b) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 105 & 138 • Comparatives and Superlatives (L 4.3) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 123 & 152 E Handbook 6.1e <p>Vocabulary Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connotations and Denotations (L 4.5) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 103 & 167 • Idioms (L 4.5b) Practice Companion Volume 2 page 121 E Handbook 6.3f • Word Relationships (L 4.5) Practice Companion Volume 2 pages 147 & 171 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padlet • Study Island *purchased item • STARS and CARS *purchased item • Scoot Pad *free and paid versions • Common Core Language Arts 4 Today: Daily Skills Practice *purchased item • Mountain Language *purchased item • Time For Kids *purchased item • Scholastic News *purchased item

		
COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Running Records	Weekly Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1 and 2 as formatives • Practice companion pages • Study Island *purchased item • STARS and CARS *purchased item • Scoot Pad *free and paid versions
Summative Assessment	Quarterly Benchmark Assessment	Weekly Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 3 and 4 as summative • E Handbook-Lead 21 online the last page • Differentiated Assessment • Vocabulary Quiz based on Theme Reader vocabulary
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 style="list-style-type: none"> • SMART-Resources • LEAD 21 online games and resources • EDMODO • Discovery Education *purchased item • Study Island *purchase • Brain Pop * purchase • Book Flix *purchase • IXL *purchase • Tumble Books *purchase • Pebble Go • Read Naturally
Differentiation / Intervention	Differentiated Readers Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) (Reading Support) Literacy Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEAD 21-online coaching

 content-specific components

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
	<p>Inquiry Process</p> <p>21st Century Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Note Taking & Paraphrasing • Collaboration • Listening Skills • Evaluate & Cite Sources • Use Library Resources 	<p>Possible Inquiry Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are there so many different plants and animals in a tropical rain forest? • How are invasive species affecting the ecosystem where we live? • What can be planted to help support our local habitats? • How do people affect habitats? • How has our local environment change over time? <p>Presentation Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prezi • Glogster • Educreation • Voki