

Kindergarten

Benchmark		Kindergarten			Studies Weekly	
Wonders Big Idea and Unit	Weekly Concept and Essential Question	Inquiry Question	Week	Wonders Stories	Studies Weekly Titles	Studies Weekly Summary
Unit 1: Take a New Step- What can we learn when we try new things?	Make New Friends How can we get along with new friends?	What makes a good friend?	Week 1	The Lion and the Mouse What About Bear? How to Be a Friend	Week 1: I Am a Member of a Community	The students will understand that they are part of many types of communities, including family, classroom, school, and local communities. They will learn about and identify their responsibilities in the communities they belong to.
	Get up and Go! How do baby animals move?	How do baby animals move?	Week 2	The Tortoise and the Hare Pouch! Baby Animals on the Move		
	Use your Senses How can your senses help you learn?	What can we learn by using our senses?	Week 3	Feast of Senses I Smell Springtime Taste of Purple Rain		
	Tools we Use How do tools help us explore?	In what ways are tools useful?	Week 1	Timimoto The Handiest Things in the World Discover with Tools	Week 23: Inventions	Students will learn about how creativity and innovation result in inventions. They will learn about inventors and the inventions they made that changed and helped the community.
	Shapes All Around Us What shapes do you see around you?	Where can you find shapes?	Week 2	Kites in Flight Shapes All Around Find the Shapes		
	World of Bugs What kind of bugs do you know about?	What do bugs do in their environment?	Week 3	From Caterpillar to Butterfly I Love Bugs! Bugs All Around		
	Rules to Go By What Rules do we follow in different places?	What rules do we need to follow at school?	Week 1	The Boy Who Cried Wolf How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? Be Safe	Week 2: What Are Rules? Week 3: What Are Laws?	Students will learn the need for and purpose of rules. They will learn that they have rules at home, in the classroom, and at school. Students will learn the importance of choosing to follow rules.
	Sounds Around Us What are the different sounds we hear?	What are the different sounds we hear?	Week 2	Clang! Clang! Beep! Beep! Listen to the City		
	The Places We Go What places do you go to during the week?	What places do you go to during the week? What do you do there?	Week 3	Field Trips Take Me for a Walk A Neighborhood We Go to See Nan Can We Go?	Week 11: Geography of the Neighborhood Week 13: Finding Places Around Me Week 17: My Neighborhood	This week, students will learn more about relative location. They will describe the relative location of places in the classroom, school, and neighborhood. Students will learn about what their neighborhood looks like.
Unit 4: Around the Neighborhood- What do you know about the people and the places in your neighborhood?	Time for Work What do people use to do their jobs?	Which tools help workers do their jobs?	Week 1	Little Juan and the Cooking Pot Whose Shoes? A Shoe for Every Job Workers and Their Tools		
	Meet Your Neighbors Who are your neighbors?	What cultures can be found in your neighborhood?	Week 2	Cultural Festivals What Can You Do with a Paleta? A World Festival	Week 26: Culture	Students will examine various characteristics of culture. They will also share aspects of their culture, and learn about others' culture.
	Pitch In How can people help to make your community better?	In what ways can we improve our community?	Week 3	The Bundle of Sticks Roadwork A Community Garden I Can! You Can!	Week 6: Characteristics of Active Citizens	Students will learn about characteristics of active citizens including: responsibility, fairness, respect, courage, and honesty, determination, and patriotism. They will learn about people in history who exhibited these characteristics. They will also discuss what they can do as a citizen.
	How Does Your Garden Grow? What do living things need to grow?	What do plants need to grow?	Week 1	Growing Plants My Garden The Seed and Garden		

Unit 5: Wonders of Nature- What kinds of			Tommy and Maytime Magic		
	Trees	How do trees	A Grand Old Tree		

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things can you find growing in nature?	How do living things change as they grow?	change as they grow?	Week 2	From a Seed to a Tree		
				Ed and Ned		
	Fresh from the Farm What kinds of things grow on a Farm?	How do fruits and vegetables grow?	Week 3	Farms Around the World?		
				An Orange in January		
				Farmers Market		
Unit 6: Weather for all Seasons- How do weather and seasons affect us?	The Four Seasons How are the seasons different?	What do we do in different seasons?	Week 1	A Tour of the Seasons	Week 14: Physical Characteristics of a Place	Students will learn that places have physical characteristics. They will be introduced to the physical characteristics of places including: landforms, bodies of water, and weather.
				Mama, Is It Summer Yet?		
				New Snow		
				Covers		
				Is It Hot?		
	Stormy Weather How can you stay safe in bad weather?	What are some ways to stay safe in bad weather?	Week 2			
			Week 3	Rainbow Crow		
				Waiting Out the Storm		
				Be Safe in Bad Weather		
Unit 7: The Animal Kingdom- What are different kinds of animals?	Baby Animals How are some animals alike and how are they different?	What features do animals have?	Week 1	Baby Farm Animals		
				Zoo Borns!		
				A Pup and a Cub		
	Pet Pals? How do you take care of different kinds of pets?	How do you care for a pet?	Week 2	The Family Pet		
	Animal Habits Where do animals live?	What do animal homes look like?	Week 3	Anansi: The African Tale		
				Bear Snores On		
				Animal Homes		
Unit 8: From Here to There- Where can you go that is near and far?	On the Move What can help you go from here to there?	What are different ways to travel?	Week 1	The King of the Winds	Week 31: Transportation Over Time	Students will learn about how and why people move. Students will also learn about how ideas move through communication.
				When Daddy's Truck Picks Me Up		
				From Here to There		
				Dad Got a Job		
	My U.S.A. What do you know about our country?	What would you like to find out about in our country?	Week 2	The Best of the West	Week 8: National Symbols	Students will learn about important national symbols including buildings and monuments. The students will learn about patriotism, liberty, and other key characteristics that contribute to our national identity.
				Ana Goes to Washington D.C.		
				See Our Country		
	Look to the Sky What do you see in the sky?	What can you see in the sky during the day and night?	Week 3	Pack a Bag		
				A view from the Moon		
				Bringing Down the Moon		
Unit 9: How Things Change- How do things change?	Growing Up How can you help out at home?	How do the characters in Ezra Jack Keat's books show they are growing up?	Week 1	Day and Night Sky	Week 27: Learning From Stories Week 28: Inquiry: Learning from Stories	Students will discover what they can learn from the characters in a story.
				Helping Out at Home		
				Peter's Chair		
				The Clean Up		
	Good Citizens What do good citizens do?	How can you be a good citizen at school?	Week 2	Jake and Dad Help	Week 5: Learning and Working Together Week 6: Characteristics of Active Citizens	working together. They will learn the concepts of fairness, equality, and the common good. The students will learn steps they can take to work together to solve a problem.
				The Little Red Hen		
				Hen Hears Gossip		
	Our Natural Resources How can things in nature be used to make new things?	What are our clothes made from?	Week 3	Team Up to Clean Up		
				We Can Play		
				Spider Woman Teaches Navajo		
	Problem Solvers What can happen when we work together?	How can we solve a problem at school together?	Week 1	Bread Comes to Life	Week 5: Learning and Working Together	Students will learn the importance of learning and working together. They will learn the concepts of fairness, equality, and the common good. The students will learn steps they can take to work together to solve
				Nature Artists		
				The Elves and the Shoemaker		
				What's the Big Idea, Molly?		

				The Variety Show		a problem.
				A Good Time for Luke		
Unit 10: Thinking Outside the Box- How can new ideas help us?	Sort It Out	How can we sort classroom materials?	Week 2	The Perfect Color		
	In what ways are things alike? How are they different?			All Kinds of Families		
				Good for You		
	Protect Our Earth	What things can we do to protect the earth?	Week 3	Protect the Environment	Week 18- Human-Environment Iteration	Students will learn that people interact with their environment around them. Students will understand how they adapt and modify their environment to meet their needs. They will learn how humans shape the environment in helpful and harmful ways.
	What idead can you suggest to protect the environment?			Panda Kindergarten		
				Save Big Blue		
				Who Can Help?		