

# Full Year of Reading Instruction

Reader's Workshop is organized into ten 3-week units, each centered around a topic. The year begins with three weeks focused on launching the Reader's Workshop and establishing routines that reoccur throughout the year.

Week	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
0	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>	<b>3 Weeks Launching the Reader's Workshop</b>
1	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> Plants and Animals Have Needs	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> Plants and Animals Grow and Change	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> Habitats Around the World	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> Animal Characteristics	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> In the Wild	<b>3 Weeks Unit 1</b> Partners in Survival
2	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Every Story Has Characters	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Many Kinds of Characters	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Characters Learn and Grow	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Characters Shape Their Stories	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Characters in Focus	<b>3 Weeks Unit 2</b> Characters Develop Relationships
3	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> Rules at Home and School	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> Being a Good Community Member	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> Government Working for Us	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> We the People	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> Your Government at Work	<b>3 Weeks Unit 3</b> Our Changing Constitution
4	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Writers Tell Many Stories	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Stories Have a Narrator	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Different Characters, Different Points of View	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Different Perspectives, Different Points of View	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Through the Storyteller's Eyes	<b>3 Weeks Unit 4</b> Distinct Voices, Diverse Perspectives
5	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Technology at Home and School	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Technology at Work	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Technology and Invention	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Technological Advancements	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Robot Revolution	<b>3 Weeks Unit 5</b> Innovation in a Changing World
6	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Stories Have a Message	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Stories Teach Many Lessons	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Tales That Teach Us	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Decisions, Decisions	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Heroes and Villains	<b>3 Weeks Unit 6</b> Struggles for Survival
7	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> Holidays and Celebrations	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> Past, Present, and Future	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> Pioneers in Flight	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> Communities Past and Present	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> Changing Lives, Changing Communities	<b>3 Weeks Unit 7</b> The American Revolution
8	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Weather and Seasons	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Observing the Sky	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Wind and Water Shape the Land	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Earth's Surface	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Nature's Fury	<b>3 Weeks Unit 8</b> Water
9	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> Meeting Our Needs and Wants	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> We Use Goods and Services	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> Making, Buying, and Selling	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> Time, Money, and Values	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> Resources Impact Economies	<b>3 Weeks Unit 9</b> Economies in Transition
10	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Forces and Motion	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Exploring Sound, Light, and Heat	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Changing Matter	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Actions, Reactions, and Interactions	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Exploring Electricity	<b>3 Weeks Unit 10</b> Exploring Matter

# Connected, Continuous, Content Knowledge Strands

- Ten vertically aligned knowledge strands connect Grades K–5, building content-area concepts and vocabulary.
- Reader's Workshop provides cross-curricular opportunities so students have time to apply and transfer what they know. In addition, teachers can collaborate across grades and work as a team to get students ready for lifelong success.

## Content Knowledge Alignment

Knowledge strands are consistently mapped across all grade levels, which supports the development of knowledge over time.

Unit	Knowledge Strand	GRADES					
		K	1	2	3	4	5
1	Life Science						
5	Technology and Society						
6	Themes Across Cultures						
7	History, Culture, and Geography						
8	Earth Science						
9	Economics						
10	Physical Science						

Example from Reader's Workshop Content Knowledge Alignment, Grades K–5

## Vertical Alignment of Knowledge Strands K–5

Each unit topic is centered around an essential question, which drives discussions and knowledge building around multiple texts.

Unit	Knowledge Strand	GRADES				
		K	1	2	3	5
1	Life Science	Plants and Animals Have Needs Why do living things have different needs?	Plants and Animals Grow and Change Why do living things change?	Habitats Around the World How do living things get what they need to survive?	Animal Characteristics How do living things survive in their environment?	Partners in Survival How do living things help one another survive?
2	Character Matters	Every Story Has Characters How are characters different?	Many Kinds of Characters How do we learn about characters?	Characters Learn about the World What can we learn when we face problems?	Characters Shape Their Stories How do our actions influence our lives?	Characters Develop Relationships Why do we value certain qualities in people?
3	Government and Citizenship	Rules at Home and School Why do we have rules?	Being a Good Community Member Why do people get involved in their communities?	Government Working Why do we need a government?	We the People Why do people participate in government?	Our Changing Constitution Why do laws continue to evolve?
4	Perspectives in Literature	Writers Tell Many Stories Why do people tell stories?	Stories Have a Narrator How do people create stories?	Different Characters, Different Points of View How can a story change depending on who is telling it?	Different Perspectives, Different Points of View What makes people view the same experience differently?	Distinct Voices, Diverse Perspectives How can other perspectives help us evaluate the world?
5	Technology and Society	Technology at Home and School Why do we use technology?	Technology at Work How can technology make a difference in our lives?	Technology and Invention Where do ideas for inventions come from?	Technological Advancements What is the value of innovation?	Innovation in a Changing World What value does technology bring to people's lives?
6	Themes Across Cultures	Stories Have a Message How do we know what is right?	Stories Teach Many Lessons What can we learn from a mistake?	Tales That Teach Us What can different cultures teach us?	Decisions, Decisions What helps us solve problems?	Struggles for Survival What compels us to survive?
7	History, Culture, and Geography	Holidays and Celebrations Why do we celebrate people and events?	Past, Present, and Future Why is the past important?	Pioneers in Flight How does understanding the past shape the future?	Communities Past and Present What is a community?	The American Revolution How does conflict shape a society?
8	Earth Science	Weather and Seasons How do our lives change with the seasons?	Observing the Sky Why do the sun and moon capture our imagination?	Wind and Water Shape the Earth How do we react to changes in our environment?	Earth's Surface How do we understand change?	Water What does water mean to people and the societies they live in?
9	Economics	Meeting Our Needs and Wants Why do we make choices?	We Use Goods and Services Why do people trade with each other?	Making, Buying, and Selling How do the goods we buy and sell connect to our lives?	Time, Money, and Values What do our economic choices tell us about ourselves?	Economies in Transition How do economic changes impact society?
10	Physical Science	Forces and Motion What makes things move?	Exploring Sound, Light, and Heat How would our lives be different without sound, light, and heat?	Changing Matter How can matter change?	Actions, Reactions, and Interactions How does understanding science help us achieve our goals?	Exploring Matter Why do we measure and describe the world?

Example from Reader's Workshop Unit Topic and Essential Question Alignment, Grades K–5