

4th Grade Units		Summary	Essential Questions	Exemplar Texts From Appendix B of the Common Core State Standards
	Unit 1 Tales of the Heart	4 week unit Students explore the mixture of emotions that accompany the transition to fourth grade, as well as learn from informational text about the body.	<i>How do stories reveal what we have in common?</i>	Poems <i>"They Were My People"</i> , Grace Nichols
	Unit 2 Literature Settings: Weather or Not	6 week unit Students explore geography as it relates to seasons and weather. They discover how these settings are represented in- and affect events in literature.	<i>How does the author's use of setting affect the plot of a story?</i>	Poems <i>"Dust of Snow"</i> , Robert Frost <i>"Fog"</i> , Carl Sandburg Informational Books <i>Kenya's Long Dry Season</i> , Nellie Gonzalez Cutler <i>Hurricanes</i> , Patricia Lauber <i>Let's Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps</i> , Carlisle & Banek
	Unit 3 Animals Are Characters, Too: Characters Who Gallop, Bark and Squeak	8 week unit Students compare how horses, dogs, and mice are portrayed in fiction and nonfiction.	<i>How do we portray animals in writing?</i>	Stories <i>The Black Stallion</i> , Walter Farley Poems <i>"A Bird Came Down the Walk"</i> , Emily Dickinson Informational Books <i>Seeing Eye to Eye</i> , Leslie Hall <i>Good Pet, Bad Pet</i> , Elizabeth Schleichert <i>Horses</i> , Seymour Simon

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	Unit 4 Revolutionaries from the Past	8 week unit Students read historical fiction and poetry from America's past-including works from the time of the American Revolution.	<i>What life lessons can we learn from revolutionaries in fiction and nonfiction?</i>	(none in this unit)
	Unit 5 Stories of the Earth and Sky	4 week unit This unit pairs Native American stories with informational text about the earth and sky.	<i>How are the earth and sky portrayed in fiction and nonfiction?</i>	Informational Books <i>The Mound Builders of Ancient North America</i> , E. Barrie Kavasch <i>Discovering Mars</i> , Berger & Holub
	Unit 6 Literary Heroes	6 week unit This unit ends the year by looking at heroes, real and imagined.	<i>Can heroism be conveyed in words?</i>	Informational Books <i>England: The Land!</i> , Erinn Banting