**Kindergarten Core Knowledge**

**Literature**

**American Folk Heroes and Tall Tales Unit Organizer**

**Summary**

The students will hear and enjoy traditional fiction stories to enhance their cultural literacy.

**The Big Idea**

Listening to tall tales improves vocabulary and raises children’s cultural literacy.

**Colorado State Standards**

**Sayings:**

RWC K.1.1.h Express words and word meanings as encountered in books and conversation

RWC K.1.1.j Relate new vocabulary to prior knowledge

RWC K.1.2.e Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts.

**Listening and speaking:**

RWC K.1.1.c Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly

RWC K.1.2.a Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups

**Comprehension and Discussion of Read-alouds:**

RWC K.1.2.b Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and request clarification if something is not understood

**Core Knowledge Content:**

1. Fiction
   1. Stories, Tall Tales
      1. Johnny Appleseed
      2. Casey Jones
2. Listening and Speaking
   1. Classroom Discussion
   2. Presentation of Ideas and Information
   3. Comprehension and Discussion of Read-alouds

**Prior Knowledge:**

Pre-School

\*Story book reading and story telling

- Listen to stories read aloud

- Participate in stories read aloud

- Develop a notion of “story schema”

- Demonstrate an awareness of book and print

**What Students Will Learn in Future Grades:**

**Grade 2**

\* Fiction: Students will review Johnny Appleseed and Casey Jones and be introduced to Paul Bunyan, John Henry and Pecos Bill

**Cross Curricular Links:**

Geography: Identify and locate the different states in the United States

Science: Plants and Plant Growth (what plants need to grow, basic parts of a plants, flowers and seeds, farming)

**Additional Resources:**

For Teachers:

\*Core knowledge, Grade K, Teacher Handbook

For Children:

\* *Casey Jones,* by Allan Drummond (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2001); *Johnny Appleseed (Rookie Biographies),* by Christin Ditchfield