

# Curriculum Parent Overview (Grade 1)

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

### UNIT #4: Space

#### **ESSENTIAL QUESTION: What's in space?**

#### **ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS:**

Students will understand that space has fascinated humans for a very long time. Space makes us curious because we can see parts of it with our eyes, but with the exception of some close parts of space, we can't really go to all of space to learn directly with our eyes. They will understand that although we know a lot about space, we are constantly learning and discovering more and that's what makes it so exciting. Students will understand that there are many things, both known and unknown, that make up space. They will also understand that patterns of the motion of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky can be observed, described, and predicted.

#### **ATTITUDES - STUDENTS WILL BE...**

- Curious about what is in space

#### **SKILLS - STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...**

- Identify the main topic
- Retell key details of a text
- Identify various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons)
- Use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text

#### **KNOW- STUDENTS WILL KNOW (VOCABULARY)...**

- Space
- Earth
- Moon
- Sun
- Stars

#### **THINGS TO TALK ABOUT...**

- What's in space?
- What does the sun do?
- How does the moon change?

