

Curriculum Parent Overview (Kindergarten)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

UNIT #3: Needs and Wants (11 weeks)

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: Can I get everything I need and want?

ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS: Students will figure out the relationship between the needs and wants. Needs are what living things must have to survive – things we cannot live without. Students will explore the simplest essentials of living things like air and water, to the wonderful warmth of family, friends, and neighbors. Students will peek at basic food groups as well as other things they can do to stay healthy and safe every day. Wants, on the other hand, are things that we would like to have, but that are not necessary for survival. Sometimes deciding between things we want and things we need is a difficult choice.

ATTITUDES - STUDENTS WILL BE...

- Curious
- Thinking deeply before making a decision

SKILLS - STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...

- Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text with prompting and support.
- Explain that choices are made because of scarcity (i.e., because individuals cannot have everything that they want)
- Communicate a basic understanding about the importance of a healthy diet.
- Identify healthy actions that influence the functions of the body
- Identifies potentially unsafe situations and communicates the need to be safe to others.
- Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive.
- Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive.
- Use a model to represent the relationship between the needs of different plants and animals (including humans) and the places they live.

KNOW - STUDENTS WILL KNOW...(VOCABULARY)

- main topic
- key detail
- want
- need

- choice
- healthy

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT...

- Do we all need the same things to survive?
- How are my basic needs met?
- How do I make good decisions to make myself healthy?
- How do I make good decisions to keep myself safe?
- Do animals have needs?
- Do plants have needs?