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Reading Launch	Early September	-In this unit, students will learn the routines and expectations of a reader's workshop. Readers will be exposed to various genres and build a community of readers in their classrooms.	- genre -routine -community -think-pair-share	1R5: Identify a variety of genres and explain major differences between literary texts and informational texts. (RI&RL) 1SL1a: Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and participate by actively listening, taking turns, and staying on topic.	- turn and talk -think pair share -understanding what a reading workshop looks like. -partner reading -independent reading	Readers build good habits by reading and talking about books everyday. Readers read a variety of genres with focus in order to make sense of what they read, so they can grow as independent readers.	LETRS
Module 1-Nice to Meet You	September	- In this module, readers will learn about how the people they meet, and the experiences they have, can help	- challenge -emotions -friendship	1R1: Develop and answer questions about key ideas and details in a text. (RI&RL)	-Story Structure -Author's Purpose -Ask and Answer Questions -Make Inference -Topic and Central	The people we meet, and the experiences we share, help us learn, grow and build friendships. Readers explore stories to	STAR Early Literacy/Reading

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		them. Students will read about the different activities they can do at school. They also will read about what makes a good friend, the many different types of friends they can have, and what makes each person special.			Idea	understand challenges, emotions and connections with others.	
Module 2-My Family, My Community	October	- In this module, readers will read about and learn how communities are special places to live. It explains how the people who live there, including	- area - population - working	1R3: Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, or pieces of information in a text. (RI&RL)	- Retell -Text features - Setting - Make Connections	-Families and communities are special because the people who live and work together help make them better places for everyone.	

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		family members, work together to make it better for everyone.					
Module 11-Nonfiction Genre Study	November	- In this module readers will learn about the characteristics of narrative nonfiction, informational text and biography.	-biography -non fiction text features - informational text	1R7: Use illustrations and details in literary and informational texts to discuss story elements and/or topics. (RI&RL).	- Text Features - Text Organization -Central Idea	-Nonfiction books teach us true information about the real world, using specific text features that help us find and understand new information,	F&P Assessment
Module 3-Amazing Animals	December	- In this module, readers will read and listen to both nonfiction and fiction selections about animals. These texts encourage readers to	- camouflage - characteristics - mammal	1R2: Identify a main topic or central idea in a text and retell important details. (RI&RL)	- Text Features - Text Organization - Ask and Answer Questions - Point of View Summarize	-Children are naturally curious about animals. This unit will foster a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the animal kingdom by reading multigenre	

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		be curious as they investigate animal life.				books that explore animal survival, growth and habitats. Through their reading, children will develop an understanding and appreciation for the vast differences within the animal kingdom.	
Module 5-Now you See It, Now You Don't	January	- In this module, readers will read and listen to texts that describe how sources of light affect people. The texts explain the relationship between the Earth and the sun. Readers learn that the rotation of the Earth causes night and day. They also learn how	- orbit -period -solar -Reference Sources	1R1: Develop and answer questions about key ideas and details in a text. (RI&RL)	- Text Features -Make Inferences -Story Structure -Make and Confirm Predictions	-The sun's light creates predictable patterns of day, night and seasons that help us make sense of the world around us. Through close reading, making predictions and asking questions, we can use stories and informational texts to uncover why shadows	LETRS STAR Reading

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		the seasons change as the Earth revolves around the sun.				appear and seasons change.	
Module 9-Grow Plants Grow	February	- In this module readers will read and listen to texts focused on growth, development, and change through the study of plants. In this module, readers will learn about the life cycles and characteristics of plant life as they read informational texts, fiction, and poetry. They will uncover many of the reasons why people	- absorb - emerge - vegetation - reference sources	1R9: Make connections between self and text (text and other people/world). (RI&RL)	- Evaluate - Text Features - Chronological Order	-Just like all living things, plants grow and change over time. Through reading different types of genres, and connecting prior knowledge and experiences, we can discover the many ways they grow and what helps plants to thrive.	F & P

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Module 12-Genre Study Literary Texts-Fiction	March	-In this module, readers will revisit literary texts from earlier in the year. Readers will dig deeper into the genres of realistic fiction, folktale, and fantasy, and discover what their characteristics are.	- imaginary -plot -setting -problem -solution	1R3: Describe characters, setting, and major events in a story, or pieces of information in a text. (RI&RL)	- identifying characters and setting -problem/solution -retelling -making predictions -compare and contrast	Fiction books are imaginary stories with characters, setting and events that entertain the reader. When we understand the characters, setting and plot details to understand the story's message, we become better readers of fiction stories.	
Module 8-Tell Me a Story	April	- In this module, children will enjoy classic tales and contemporary	- Amuse -Entertain -Literature -Clasify	1R2: Identify a main topic or central idea in a text and retell important details.	- Theme -Elements of Drama -Point of View -Characters	-Through reading classic tales to uncover recurring patterns and identify	

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		stories as they get to know storytellers from long ago and from the present. Readers will deepen their understanding of the lessons stories can teach., Children will discover that characters in stories rarely get things right the first time they try something new.	-Categorize -moral	(RI&RL).		story elements. Students will act as expert readers, using their growing skills to predict outcomes, find the main idea, and tell the story in their own words, ultimately discovering universal themes and lessons that help them understand the world and themselves better.	
Module 6-Celebrate America	May-June	- In this module, readers will read and listen to texts that focus on the purposes for celebrating patriotic holidays and	- appreciate -duty -participate - multiple-meaning words	1R6: Describe how illustrations and details support the point of view or purpose of the text. (RI&RL)	- Text Features - Make and confirm predictions - Point of View - Story Structure - Create mental	-Reading and celebrating different perspectives helps us understand what it means to be an American. This unit	STAR Reading LETRS F & P

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