

# ELA: Grade Kindergarten

UNIT/Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
2	<p><b><u>Welcome to Kindergarten</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting Ready to Learn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is the alphabet important to me?</li> </ul>
5.4	<p><b><u>We See All Kinds of People Each Day</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Idea</li> <li>Understanding Characters</li> <li>Story Structure</li> <li>Text and Graphic Features</li> <li>Sequence of Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can I find the most important ideas in a selection?</li> <li>What clues tell me how a character feels?</li> <li>How do the parts of a story work together?</li> <li>How can photographs help me better understand a selection?</li> <li>Why is the order in which things happen in a story important?</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>Books Help Us Learn New Things</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and Contrast</li> <li>Understanding Character</li> <li>Details</li> <li>Text and Graphic Features</li> <li>Story Structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are the five senses the same and different?</li> <li>How can I learn about characters in a story?</li> <li>How can details help me understand a selection?</li> <li>What can I learn from the pictures in a selection?</li> <li>How do the parts of a story work together?</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>There Is So Much to See Outside</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and Contrast</li> <li>Conclusions</li> <li>Author's Purpose</li> <li>Cause and Effect</li> <li>Sequence of Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are the months of the year the same and different?</li> <li>What clues help me figure out things the author does not tell me?</li> <li>Why do authors write informational text?</li> <li>What causes events in a story to happen?</li> <li>Why is it important to know what happens first, next and last in a selection?</li> </ul>
3	<p><b><u>Holiday Unit</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kwanza</li> <li>Hanukkah</li> <li>Christmas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you differentiate between Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas?</li> <li>What facts can you gather about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas?</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>It Is Fun to Explore</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why are details helpful?</li> </ul>

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5	<p><b><u>Change Is All Around Us</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Characters</li> <li>• Story Structure</li> <li>• Sequence of Events</li> <li>• Conclusions</li> <li>• Text and Graphic Features</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do characters change in a story?</li> <li>• How do the parts of a story work together?</li> <li>• Why is the order of events in a selection important?</li> <li>• What clues help me figure out the things the author does not tell me?</li> <li>• How do words and pictures help tell a story?</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>We Are Growing Up</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause and Effect</li> <li>• Compare and Contrast</li> <li>• Story Structure</li> <li>• Main Ideas and Details</li> <li>• Understanding Characters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause and Effect</li> <li>• Compare and Contrast</li> <li>• Story Structure</li> <li>• Main Ideas and Details</li> <li>• Understanding Characters</li> </ul>