

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 1 Overview

Unit 1: Growing and Learning				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Storytime	What can stories teach you?	<i>Bruno's New Home</i> (Fantasy)	<i>Wolf!</i>	Visualize	Character, Setting, Plot: Character	Expression	short a and i	Context Clues: Synonyms	ached, concentrate, discovery, educated, effort, improved, inspired, satisfied	Sentences & Fragments	Ideas: Focus on events	Research Aesop's Fables
			<i>Jenny and the Wolf</i>				Word Families			Capitalization and Punctuation		
2 Traditions	What can traditions teach you about cultures?	<i>The Dream Catcher</i> (Realistic Fiction)	<i>Yoon and the Jade Bracelet</i>	Visualize	Character, Setting, Plot: Sequence	Phrasing & Intonation	short e, o, u	Context Clues: Synonyms	celebrate, courage, disappointment, precious, pride, remind, symbol, tradition	Commands & Exclamations	Word Choice Descriptive Details	Research contributions of different cultures
			<i>Family Traditions</i>				Inflectional Endings			Punctuation in Commands and Exclamations		
3 Communities	How do people from different cultures contribute to a community?	<i>Room to Grow</i> (Narrative Nonfiction)	<i>Gary the Dreamer</i>	Ask & Answer Questions	Text Structure: Sequence	Rate	final e	Compound Words	admires, classmate, community, contribute, practicing, pronounce, scared, tumble	Subjects	Organization-Sequence	Research community resources
			<i>Sharing Polkas and Pitas</i>		Text Feature: Headings and Maps		Inflectional Endings; drop final e			Complete Sentences & Fragments		
4 Inventions	How can problem solving lead to new ideas?	<i>Mary Anderson's Great Invention</i> (Biography)	<i>All Aboard! Elijah McCoy's Steam Engine</i>	Ask & Answer Questions	Text Structure: Cause & Effect	Expression	long a spellings	Metaphors	design, encouraged, examine, invention, quality, simple, solution, substitutes	Predicates	Word Choice	Research problem solving skills
			<i>Lighting the World</i>		Text Feature: Diagrams & Sidebars		plurals with s, -es			Complete Sentences		
5 Landmarks	How do landmarks help us understand our country's story?	<i>A Natural Beauty</i> (Expository)	<i>A Mountain of History</i>	Ask & Answer Questions	Main Idea & Key Details	Accuracy & Phrasing	long o: o. ow, o_e, oa, oe	Context Clues: Multiple-meaning words	carved, clues, grand, landmark, massive, monument, national, traces	Simple & Compound Sentences	Sentence Fluency/ Sentence Types	Research famous landmarks
			<i>A Landmark Street</i>				Compound Words			Punctuate simple and compound sentences		Unit Level Research Skill: Choose a research topic

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 2 Overview

Unit 2: Figure It Out				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics /Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Cooperation	Why is working together a good way to solve a problem?	<i>Ananzi Learns a Lesson (Folktale)</i>	<i>Roadrunner's Dance</i>	Make, confirm, or revise predictions	Theme	Intonation & Phrasing	long i and u	Context Clues: Antonyms	attempt, awkward, cooperation, created, furiously, interfere, involved, timid	Kinds of Nouns	Word Choice/Linking words and phrases	Research how to form an effective team
			<i>Deltona is Going Batty</i>				Plural words with y to i			Capitalize Proper Nouns		
2 Immigration	Why do people immigrate to new places?	<i>Sailing to America (Historical Fiction)</i>	<i>The Castle on Hester Street</i>	Make, confirm, or revise predictions	Theme	Rate	long e	Figurative Language: Similes	arrived, immigrated, inspected, moment, opportunity, photographs, valuable, whispered	Singular & Plural Nouns	Word Choice/Precise Language	Research famous immigrants
			<i>Next Stop, America!</i>				Inflectional endings			Punctuate four sentence types		
3 Government	How do people make government work?	<i>Every Vote Counts! (Expository)</i>	<i>Vote!</i>	Reread	Author's Point of View	Accuracy & Phrasing	Words with silent letters	Prefixes: re-, un-, dis-, mis-	announced, candidates, convince, decisions, elect, estimate, government, independent	Special Nouns	Ideas/Supporting Details	Research different positions in state governments
			<i>A Plan for the People</i>				Singular & plural possessives			Spelling plural nouns		
4 Survival	How can people help animals survive?	<i>Kids to the Rescue! (Expository)</i>	<i>Whooping Cranes in Danger</i>	Reread	Author's Point of View	Rate	Three letter word blends	Suffixes: -ful, -less	caretakers, population, recognized, relatives, resources, success, survive, threatened	Combining Sentences	Organization/ Sequence	Research endangered species
			<i>Help the Manatees!</i>				Closed Syllables			Commas		
5 Figure It Out	How do people figure things out?	<i>Empanada Day, Cold Feet, Our Washing Machine, Bugged (Poetry)</i>	<i>The Inventor Thinks Up Helicopters, The Ornithopter</i>	Reread	Author's Point of View	Phrasing	Digraphs	Figurative Language: Similes	bounce, imagine, inventor, observer	Possessive Nouns	Ideas/Descriptive Details	Research ways people solve problems
			<i>Montgolfier Brother's Hot Air Balloon</i>				Open Syllables			Apostrophes in Possessive Nouns		Research Skill: Using reliable and appropriate sources

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 3 Overview

Unit 3: One of a Kind				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics /Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Be Unique	What makes different animals unique?	<i>The Inchworm's Tail</i> (Folktales)	<i>Martina The Beautiful Cockroach</i>	Visualize	Problem & Solution	Expression	r-controlled vowels	Context Clues: Synonyms	disbelief, dismay, fabulous, features, offered, splendid, unique, watchful	Action Verbs	Sentence Fluency/Varied Sentence Types	Research animal families
			<i>Get A Backbone!</i>				Contractions			Quotation Marks and Colons in Time		
2 Leadership	How can one person change the way you think?	<i>Jane's Discovery</i> (Historical Fiction)	<i>Finding Lincoln</i>	Visualize	Character, Setting, Plot: Cause & Effect	Phrasing	r-controlled vowels /är/ and /ör/	Figurative Language: Idioms	amazement, bravery, disappear, donated, leader, nervous, refused, temporary	Present Tense Verbs	Word Choice/Linking Words and Phrases	Research people who have made a difference
			<i>A Great American Teacher</i>				Prefixes: un-, re- and pre-			Subject-verb Agreement		
3 Discoveries	What do we know about Earth and its neighbors in space?	<i>Earth and Its Neighbors</i> (Expository Text)	<i>Earth</i>	Summarize	Main Idea & Key Details	Accuracy & Phrasing	r-controlled vowels /är/ and /ir/	Suffixes: -y, -ly	amount, astronomy, globe, solar system, support, surface, temperature, warmth	Past-tense verbs	Organization/ Strong Paragraphs	Research Earth and other bodies in the solar system
			<i>Coyote and the Jar of Stars</i>				Suffixes: -y, -ly			Abbreviations & Name Titles		
4 New Ideas	What ideas can we get from nature?	<i>Bats Did It First</i> (Expository Text)	<i>Big Ideas From Nature</i>	Summarize	Main Idea & Key Details	Phrasing & Rate	Prefixes: pre-, dis-, mis-	Root Words	effective, example, identical, imitate, material, model, observed, similar	Future-tense verbs	Organization/ Strong Conclusions	Research animal characteristics
			<i>Perdix Invents the Saw</i>				Syllables with final e			Book Titles		
5 Value the Past	How is each event in history unique?	<i>The Long Road to Oregon</i> (Expository Text)	<i>Riding the Rails West!</i>	Summarize	Sequence	Accuracy & Phrasing	Diphthongs: /oi/ and /ou/	Suffixes: -able, -ful, -less	agreeable, appreciate, boomed, descendents, emigration, pioneers, transportation, vehicles	Combining sentences with verbs	Voice	Research unique events in American history
			<i>Discovering Life Long Ago</i>				Prefixes: un-, non-, and dis-			Punctuation in formal letters, dates, addresses, and locations		Research skill: quoting and paraphrasing

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 4 Overview

Unit 4: Meet the Challenge				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics: Skills /Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Choices	What choices are good for us?	<i>Nail Soup</i> (Folktales)	<i>The Real Story of Stone Soup</i>	Ask & Answer Questions	Point of View	Expression	/ü/ and /û/	Root Words	aroma, expect, flavorful, graceful, healthful, luscious, interrupted	Linking Verbs	Voice	Research how to make informed choices
			<i>Healthful Food Choices</i>				Roots & Related Words			End punctuation in complete sentences		
2 Skills & Talents	How can you use what you know to help others?	<i>Impossible Pet Show</i> (Realistic Fiction)	<i>The Talented Clementine</i>	Ask & Answer Questions	Point of View	Phrasing	Plural Words	Prefixes: un-, non-, im-, pre-	achievement, apologize, attention, audience, confidence, embarrassed, realized, talents	Contraction with <i>Not</i>	Ideas	Research ways to help others
			<i>Clementine and the Family Meeting</i>				Vowel Teams: Syllables			Using apostrophes		
3 Adaptations	How do animals adapt to challenges in their habitat?	<i>Grey Wolf! Red Wolf!</i> (Expository text)	<i>Amazing Animals of the Mojave</i>	Reread	Compare and Contrast	Intonation	variant vowel /ô/	Sentence clues	alert, competition, environment, excellent, prefer, protection, related, shelter	Main and helping verbs	Organization	Research animal adaptations
			<i>Little Half Chick</i>				Greek and Latin roots			Commas and quotation marks, marks in dialogue		
4 Flight	How are people able to fly?	<i>Firsts in Flights</i> (Expository text)	<i>Hot Air Balloons</i>	Reread	Text Structure: Cause and Effect	Accuracy	Homophones	Multiple-meaning words	controlled, direction, flight, impossible launched, motion, passenger, popular	Complex sentences	Organization	Research discoveries in early aviation.
			<i>Bellerophon and Pegasus</i>				r-controlled vowels			Using commas in sentences		
5 Inspiration	How can others inspire us?	<i>Ginger's Fingers, The Giant, Captain's Log</i> (Narrative & Free verse text)	<i>The Winningest Woman of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race, The Brave Ones</i>	Reread	Theme	Expression	Soft c and g	Using metaphors	adventurous, courageous, extremely, weird	Irregular verbs	Word Choice	Research famous people who inspire others
			<i>Narcissa</i>				Words with -er and -est			Correct verb forms		Research skill: Using primary and secondary sources

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 5 Overview

Unit 5: Take Action				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics: Skills /Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Let's Trade	How do we get what we need?	<i>Juantia and the Bean Stalk</i> (Fairy tale)	<i>Clever Jack Takes the Cake</i>	Summarize	Point of view	Intonation	Compound words	Root words	admit, barter, considered, creation, humble, magnificant, payment, reluctantly	Singular and plural pronouns	Sentence fluency	Research how people get and use resources
			<i>When Corn was Cash</i>				Consonant +le syllables			Capitalizing "I" and nouns		
2 Reuse and Recycle	How can we reuse what we already have?	<i>The New Hoop</i> (Realistic fiction)	<i>Brovo, Tavo!</i>	Summarize	Point of view	Phrasing	Inflectional endings -ed, -ing, -s	Context clues: Homographs	conservation, discouraged, frustration, gazes, jubilant, recycling, remaining, tinkered	Subject and object pronouns	Word Choice	Research how to recycle everyday materials
			<i>Trash into Art</i>				Suffixes: -ful, -less, -able			Pronoun usage		
3 Teaming Up	How do teams work together?	<i>Rescue Dog Saves the Day</i> (Expository text)	<i>Wildfires</i>	Ask and Answer Questions	Author's Point of View	Phrasing and Rate	Closed Syllables	Context clues: Sentence clues	accidental, careless, disasters, equipment, harmful, prevention, purpose, respond	Pronoun-verb agreement	Organizaion	Research how to participate effectively in a team
			<i>Windy Gale and the Great Hurricanes</i>				Roots in related words			Roots in related words		
4 Good Citizens	What do good citizens do?	<i>Delores Huerta: Growing Up Strong</i> (Biography)	<i>Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote</i>	Ask and Answer Questions	Author's Point of View	Phrasing and Rate	Inflectional endings y and i	Prefixes and Suffixes	citizenship, continued, daring, horrified, participate, proposed, unfairness, waver	Possessive pronouns	Organizaion	Research different ways to be a good citizen.
			<i>Susan B. Anthony Takes Action!</i>				Suffixes: -ful, -ness, -less			Possessive pronouns and Reflexive pronouns		
5 Energy	What are different kinds of energy?	<i>Here Comes Solar Power</i> (Expository text)	<i>It's All in the Wind</i>	Ask and Answer Questions	Cause and Effect	Rate	Open syllables	Context clues: Homophones	energy, natural, pollution, produce, renewable, replace, sources, traditional	Pronoun- verb contractions	Voice	Research alternative energy sources
			<i>Power for All</i>				Prefixes and suffixes			Spelling contractions and possessive pronouns		Research skill: creating a bibliography

3rd Grade READING WONDERS - Unit 6 Overview

Unit 6: Think it Over				Comprehension		Fluency		Language & Vocabulary			Writing	Research
Week	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	Anchor Text Genre	Supporting Text	Strategy	Skill	Fluency	Phonics: Skills /Structural Analysis	Voc. Strategy	Voc. Words	Grammar Skills/ Mechanics	Writing Traits	Weekly Project
1 Treasures	How do you decide what is important?	<i>Athena and Arachne</i> (Myth/Drama)	<i>King Midas and the Golden Touch</i>	Make, confirm, and revise predictions	Theme	Expression	Prefixes: un-, re-, pre-, dis-	Root words	alarmed, anguished, necessary, obsessed, possess, reward, treasure, wealth	Adjectives and articles	Sentence Fluency	Research qualities people value.
			<i>Carlos's Gift</i>				Roots in related words			Commas in a series and in dates		
2 Weather	How can weather affect us?	<i>The Big Blizzard</i> (Historical fiction)	<i>Noah's Ark</i>	Make, confirm, and revise predictions	Theme	Phrasing	Consonant + le syllable	Idioms	argue, astonished, complained, conditions, forbidding, forecast, relief, stranded	Adjectives tha compare	Word choice	Research the effects of extreme weather.
			<i>The Wind and the Sun</i>				Latin suffixes			Correct comparative and superlative forms		
3 Learning to Succeed	Why are goals important?	<i>Rocketing into Space</i> (Biography)	<i>Out of This World! The Ellen Ochoa Story</i>	Reread	Problem and Solution	Accuracy	Vowel-Team syllables	Greek and latin roots	communicated, essential, goal, motivated, professional, research, serious, specialist	Adverbs	Organization	Research how to set goals and achieve them.
			<i>A Flight to Lunar City</i>				Greek and Latin Roots			Adverbs and Adjectives		
4 Animals and You	How can learning about animals help you respect them?	<i>Big and Small</i> (Expository text)	<i>Alligators and Crocodiles</i>	Reread	Compare and Contrast	Phrasing	r-controlled vowel syllables	Context clues: Paragraph clues	endangered, fascinating, illegal, inhabit, requirement, respected, unaware, wildlife	Adverbs that compare	Organization	Research animal's unique abilities.
			<i>The Monkey and the Crocodile</i>				Latin suffixes			Using <i>more</i> and <i>most</i>		
5 Funny times	What makes you laugh?	<i>The Camping Trip, Bubble Gum</i> (Narrative poem)	<i>Ollie's Escape</i>	Reread	Point of View	Phrasing and expression	Suffixes: -ful, -less, -ly	Idioms	entertainment, humorous, ridiculous, slithered	Prepositions	Word choice	Research types of jokes and how to create them.
			<i>The Gentleman Bookworm</i>				Frequently misspelled words			Commas after introduction		Research skill: Presentaion skills