

Social Studies

(Physical Features, Native American Cultures, European Exploration in North America)

Research Piece

- Have students work in inquiry circles to investigate European exploration and the impact it had on Native Americans.
- Have students work in inquiry circles/expert groups to investigate Native American tribes in North America and their culture.

Opinion Writing

Write a letter from the perspective of an explorer, trying to get resources for his voyage.

Routine Writing

Create a postcard of one of the required physical features. Include an illustration and a paragraph using vivid details and language describing what makes this land feature unique.

Math

(Whole Numbers, Part 1)

Routine Writing

- Have students write in their math journal describing how to determine the place value of a digit.
- Write a paragraph to explain division calculations using models and steps.
- Create a journal entry describing how to interpret a remainder giving a real life situational problem.

Science

(Water, Weather Data, Forecasting)

Research Piece

Have students work in inquiry circles to investigate extreme weather and how they can take precautions to be safe.

Opinion Writing

Write a letter persuading people to be prepared for dangerous weather (tornadoes, thunderstorms, etc.)

<h2>Reading</h2> <p>1 Literary Extended Text 5-9 Thematically-Connected Short Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3-5 Greek Myths• 1-2 Science (Water, Weather Data, Forecasting, Solar System, Stars)• 1-2 Social Studies (Physical features, Native Americans, Explorers) <p>AKS: 1, 4, 10, 13, 20, 21</p>	<h2>Writing</h2> <p><u>1st Quarter Focus: Opinion</u></p> <p>3-4 Opinion Pieces (See possible Social Studies and Science connections)</p> <p><u>Integrated Genres</u> 2-3 Narrative Pieces</p> <p>1 Research Piece (See possible Social Studies and Science connections)</p> <p>AKS: 22a, 22b, 22c, 22d, 24a, 24c, 25, 26, 27, 31, 38a, 38g, 38h, 39a, 39e, 40a</p>	<h2>Word Study</h2> <p><u>Building Vocabulary Level 4</u></p> <p>Unit 1: Directional Prefixes</p> <p>AKS: 41a, 41b, 42c, 43</p> <p>Speaking and Listening AKS: 32</p>	<h3>Routine Writing</h3> <p>Have students record weather observations (including clouds, temperature, precipitation, etc.)</p> <p>Prompts, questions, and any suggested ideas in the Social Studies, Science, and Math areas have been adapted from Gwinnett Online Campus.</p> <p>https://gcps.desire2learn.com/d2l/home/6619</p>
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Additional resources (Instructional Calendars and Analyzing the Standards) can be found on the Language Arts Online Campus. <https://gcps.desire2learn.com/d2l/home/22513>

The suggested number of mentor texts in reading and, written pieces in writing has been taken from the PARCC Model Content Framework. <http://www.parcconline.org/mcf/english-language-artsliteracy/model-content-framework-elaliteracy-grade-4>

Fourth Grade: First Quarter Unit Guide