2023 - 2024 Outline

September 2023

UNIT #1: My Five Senses
- What are My Senses?
- Sight and Sound
- Touching to Learn
- Tasting - What Is Safe to Taste?
- Smells - Good and Bad
- Sensory Body Parts
- Opposites: Hot/Cold
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: Using Senses to Learn

UNIT #2: Healthy Me
- Eating Healthy Foods
- Getting Plenty of Rest
- Why is Exercise Important?
- Feelings & Emotional Wellness
- Healthy Teeth Are Happy Teeth
- Doctors & Nurses Keep Me Healthy
- Police Officers & Firefighters Keep Me Safe
- Opposites: Safe/Dangerous
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: Stress and the Body

October 2023

UNIT #1: It is Harvest Time
- What Foods Are Harvested?
- Farm Tools & Equipment
- Tractors & Wagons
- What Grains Are Harvested?
- Baskets and Boxes
- Packing and Shipping Foods
- Farmer's Market Fun
- Opposites: Fresh/Stale
- Character Education Focus: Responsibility
- STEM: Keeping Foods Fresh

UNIT #2: Fun in the Kitchen
- Kitchen Appliances and How They Work
- Kitchen Tools
- Baking and Cooking
- Washing and Cleaning Up
- Fresh, Packaged and Frozen Foods
- Safety in the Kitchen
- Opposites: Clean/Dirty
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: Keeping Foods Fresh

November 2023

UNIT #1: Colors & Shapes
- Primary & Secondary Colors
- Mixing and Creating New Colors
- 2-Dimensional Shapes
- 3-Dimensional Shapes
- Exploring Colors in Nature
- How Do Artists Use Color?
- Opposites: Black/White
- Character Education Focus: Honesty
- STEM: Mixing Colors

UNIT 2: Let's Explore Patterns
- What is a Pattern?
- Types of Patterns
- Polka Dots and Stripes
- Animals That Have Patterns on Their Bodies
- Patterns on Fabrics
- Musical Patterns
- Patterns in Words (advanced)
- Opposites: First/Last
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: Animals & Camouflage

December 2023

UNIT #1: Numbers Help Me Count
- What Are Numerals?
- Counting & Ordination
- Numerals in Our World
- How Do Adults Use Numerals?
- Graphing
- Matching Numerals to Sets
- Opposites: Few/Many
- Character Education Focus: Honesty
- STEM: Gathering Data

UNIT #2: Making Music
- Musical Instruments
- Different Types of Music
- Tempo & Rhythm
- Music & Dance around the World
- Expressing Feelings through Music & Dance
- Opposites: Fast/Slow
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: How Do Instruments Work?

January 2024

UNIT #1: Clothing Kaboodle
- Clothes I Wear
- Clothes Workers Wear
- Types of Clothing
- Choosing Clothing to Match the Weather
- Buttons, Snaps, Zippers
- Caring for Clothing
- Places People Buy Clothing & Shoes
- Opposites: On/Off
- Character Education: Responsibility
- STEM: How Do Fasteners Work?

UNIT #2: Cups, Plates & Spoons
- Types and Sizes of Cups & Plates
- What is Volume?
- Foods You Eat with a Spoon or on a Plate
- Using Cups and Spoons in New Ways
- Special Cups and Spoons (for cooking)
- Opposites: Curved/Straight
- Character Education Focus: Honesty
- STEM: Why Are Spoons Important?

February 2024

UNIT #1: What Can You Build?
- People Who Build Things
- Machines and Tools Used for Building
- Building Materials
- Types of Buildings
- Safety When Building
- Opposites: Hard/Soft
- Character Education Focus: Responsibility
- STEM: Building a Strong Foundation

UNIT #2: All About the ABCs
- Learning about Letters & Words
- Letters & Words in Our World
- Places You Can Find Letters & Words
- Exploring Writing Tools
- Different Languages
- Why Do People Read & Write?
- Opposites: Many/Few
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: Learning about Printing

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March 2024

UNIT #1: Hands & Feet
- What Can My Hands Do?
- What Can My Feet Do?
- Counting Fingers & Toes
- Do Animals Have Hands & Feet?
- Tools for Helping People with Mobility Challenges
- Opposites: Hold/Release
- Character Education Focus: Responsibility
- STEM: Solving Mobility Challenges

UNIT #2: Let's Make a Mess
- Art Can Be Messy
- Dirt + Water = Mud
- Messy Jobs
- Washing Hands
- Cleaning Up
- Messy Foods
- Opposites: Wet/Dry
- Character Education Focus: Honesty
- STEM: Tools & Techniques for Cleaning Up

April 2024

UNIT #1: Under It. Over It.
- Traveling Over, Under & Through
- Bridges
- Tunnels
- Obstacle Courses
- Opposites: Over/Under
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: Building Bridges & Tunnels

UNIT #2: Pets, Pets, Pets
- What is a Pet?
- Why Do People Have Pets?
- Veterinarians Take Care of Pets
- Cats & Dogs
- Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters & Mice
- Caring for Pets
- Opposites: Asleep/Awake
- Character Education Focus: Responsibility
- STEM: Caring for Living Things

May 2024

UNIT #1: Climbing Up
- Safe Climbing Places
- What Body Parts Do You Use When Climbing?
- Animals That Climb
- Jobs That Involve Climbing
- Ladders Are Used for Climbing
- Opposites: High/Low
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: The Law of Gravity

UNIT #2: It Can Fly
- Animals That Fly
- Insects That Fly
- Machines That Fly
- If I Could Fly…
- Making Things That Fly
- Games That Involve Making Things Fly
- Opposites: Up/Down
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: How Do Airplanes Fly?

June 2024

UNIT #1: We're Going to the Farm
- What is a Farm?
- Animals That Live on the Farm
- Caring For Farm Animals
- Planting and Caring for Crops
- Barns and Silos
- Opposites: Big/Little
- Character Education Focus: Responsibility
- STEM: Planting Seeds

UNIT #2: What Lives Here?
- Different Types of Homes
- Homes for Pets
- Homes Animals Build
- Unique Homes (houseboat, treehouse)
- Families
- Building Materials for Homes
- Opposites: In/Out
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: How Do Animals Build Their Homes?

July 2024

UNIT #1: Forest Explorations
- What Animals Live in the Forest?
- Types of Trees in the Forest
- Mountains and Valleys
- Rivers, Lakes, Ponds & Streams
- What Do Forest Animals Eat?
- Opposites: Loud/Quiet
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: Natural Water Sources

UNIT #2: At the Beach
- What Is an Ocean?
- Waves and Currents
- Animals That Live on the Beach
- Animals That Live in the Ocean
- Taking Care of the Ocean
- Beach Safety & Lifeguards
- Boats & Ships Sail on the Ocean
- Opposites: Sink/Float
- Character Education Focus: Kindness
- STEM: Exploring Waves

August 2024

UNIT #1: Now It is Night
- Nighttime Activities
- Preparing for Bed
- Stars, the Moon and Planets
- Nocturnal Animals
- Nighttime Safety
- Opposites: Dark/Light
- Character Education Focus: Honesty
- STEM: Earth's Rotation

UNIT #2: Let's Be Friends
- What is a Friend?
- All Friends Are Different
- Playing with Friends
- Being a Good Friend
- Who Are My Friends?
- Favorite Friend Activities
- Opposites: Near/Far
- Character Education Focus: Respect
- STEM: The Diversity of Friends

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