







Third Grade

<p>Everyone Learns Differently</p>  <p>Visual Auditory Kinesthetic</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, reflection.</p>	<p>Big Idea: Exploring different learning styles helps individuals understand each other better.</p> <p>Description: In this unit, students will inquire into the different ways that people learn and reflect on how each of them learn best. They will also explore different learning communities.</p>
<p>The Era of Exploration</p>  <p>Key concepts: function, causation, change.</p>	<p>Big Idea: Exploration leads to knowledge and innovation.</p> <p>Description: In this unit, students will investigate the motivations that drive people to explore, the impact of exploration and how exploration has changed communities. They will also analyze how people use maps to represent information.</p>
<p>Our Little Planet</p>  <p>Key concepts: connection, function, causation</p>	<p>Big Idea: The Earth is part of a vast solar system and universe with many parts.</p> <p>Description: In order to preserve life on Earth, there is a need to develop understanding of the Earth's characteristics and how people interact with their environment. In this unit, students will examine the Universe and its stars; the position of the Earth, Sun and Moon in the universe and investigate that the Earth's rotation causes observable patterns.</p>

<p>Simple Machines</p>  <p>Key concepts: form, function, connection.</p>	<p>Big Idea: Simple machines are built into many complex facets of our lives to make lives easier.</p> <p>Description: In this unit, students will investigate types of simple machines, how simple machines are used in everyday life and how they make work easier. They will also design a simple machine to help make a tough job easier.</p>
<p>Our Government</p>  <p>Key concepts: Function, connection, causation, reflection.</p>	<p>Big Idea: People can create and use systems that help them to live harmoniously.</p> <p>Description: In this unit, students will determine the reason for rules and laws. They will explore different systems of organization that we personally and in our community; research American heroes who took risks to secure our freedom. They will also create a system of decision making and work together to solve a problem.</p>
<p>Little Authors</p>  <p>Key concepts: connection, causation, perspective</p>	<p>Big Idea: Writers can use their imagination to entertain others and explore feelings.</p> <p>Description: In this unit, students will determine why authors write; they will explore ways of sharing imagination and information with others; they will investigate different purposes of writing and create various pieces of writing, including writing to entertain, inform and persuade.</p>