ELA: Grade 4		
UNIT/Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
6	Reaching Out  • We can all help each other in many different ways.	<ul> <li>How do friends help each other?</li> <li>How can an author show what it takes to be a leader?</li> <li>What happens when one person helps another?</li> <li>How can characters' actions inspire us to do good things?</li> <li>What motivates one character to help another?</li> </ul>
6	Do You Know What I Mean?  • We express ourselves in many ways	<ul> <li>How are old and new fairy tales alike and different?</li> <li>How can movies express facts and opinions?</li> <li>How would you make someone comfortable in a new place?</li> <li>How can characters' actions inspire us to do good things?</li> <li>What motivates one character to help another?</li> </ul>
6	Natural Encounters  Nature can amaze us	<ul> <li>How do animals influence your opinion of nature?</li> <li>How can nature influence events?</li> <li>How do events in nature affect other events?</li> <li>How do illustrations make a text interesting?</li> <li>How do details help you understand the main idea?</li> </ul>
6	Never Give Up!  There is more than one secret to success	<ul> <li>What traits do successful people have in common?</li> <li>What steps can you take toward success?</li> <li>How can people share their successes?</li> <li>Why might a leader use persuasion?</li> <li>What makes a team successful?</li> </ul>
6	<ul> <li>Changes All Around</li> <li>Change happens to us and because of us</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How would your day differ without TV?</li> <li>What causes change in a community?</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>How do forests and trees show change?</li> <li>How can friendship help us find things in common?</li> <li>Why might an author write about change?</li> </ul>
6	Paths to Discovery  • Exploration leads people to discovery	<ul> <li>How does exploring nature build story events?</li> <li>What are the most important ideas about amphibians?</li> <li>How do facts about museums help shape opinions?</li> <li>What lessons can people learn by working for a cause?</li> <li>How does exploring nature help people form conclusions?</li> </ul>