Curricular Unit: Communication

Instructional Unit: A. Applies written and/or spoken communication skills to communicate information and support ideas, positions, decisions or solutions to target audiences

Standard Alignments (Section 2)

GLE/CLE: N/A

Knowledge: (CA) 1-7 (FA) 4

CCSS: 7.SL.1a-d; 7.SL.2; 7.SL.3; 7.SL.4; 7.SL.5; 7.SL.6

NETS: 1; 2a,b,d; 3; 4b-d; 5; 6a-c Performance: 1.2, 1.8, 2.1, 2.2

Unit (Section 3)

Learning Targets:

- Independently read and comprehend increasingly complex developmentally appropriate text (nonfiction and fiction)
- Engage in conversations and collaborations with diverse partners
- Clearly express ideas using effective interpersonal communication strategies and techniques
- Apply knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading or listening
- Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience
- Gather, organize and present ideas and information to target audiences using appropriate technology and modalities
- Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to present and clarify information, provide evidence to support ideas and add interest

Instructional Strategies:

- The teacher will use the following strategies to facilitate the development of audience and purpose-driven presentations using:
 - mini lessons
 - modeling
 - · class discussion
 - interaction and collaboration with community members to create real-life connections with projects
- Students will:
 - read grade-appropriate text and develop communication skills through various teaching strategies, such as:
 - lectures
 - large group instruction
 - small group instruction
 - cooperative learning strategies
 - guided practice
 - independent reading and writing
 - use technology to:
 - research information
 - prepare and present information in a variety of forms

Assessments/Evaluations:

- Scoring guides are used for both formative and summative evaluation to asses:
 - student writing
 - student presentations
 - scoring guide use
 - peer reviews
 - self-assessment

Sample Assessment Questions:

- Explain the process you used to solve this problem.
- Why do you think your presentation was successful?
- What can you do to improve your presentation next time?

Instructional Resources/Tools:

- iPads and apps
- Computers
- Content appropriate:
 - books
 - articles
 - websites
- Instructional YouTube videos
- PowerPoints
- iMovie
- Prezi

- Teacher examples
- Guest speakers

Cross Curricular Connections:

- Visual and performing arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Communication Arts
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Depth of Knowledge (Section 5)

Curricular Unit: Critical Thinking

Instructional Unit: B. Assess comprehensive evidence from data, facts, and experiences to develop and represent inferences and conclusions based on authentic tasks or issues

Standard Alignments (Section 2)

GLE/CLE: N/A SSGLE: RIGIT.6.D

Knowledge: 1.2, 1.4, 1.8, 4.1, 4.5

CCSS: 7.RL.1; 7.RL.3; 7.RL.5; 6-8.RH.8; 6-8.RST.3; 6-8.WHST.1; 6-8.WHST.9

NETS: 2;4a-c; 5a-c; 6 Performance: 3.6

Unit (Section 3)

Learning Targets:

- Find and apply appropriate factual ideas and statistical data to support and defend ideas
- Identify and explain ideas and/or answers using sequential steps and logical categories
- Choose relevant information to support original ideas
- Develop new ideas by determining several possible cause/effect relationships, and/or action/consequence relationships
- Independently reflect on work to improve or change ideas

Instructional Strategies:

- The teacher will use the following strategies to facilitate the development of critical thinking as students analyze information to form inferences based on authentic tasks:
 - Mini lessons
 - Modeling
 - Class discussion
 - Provide interaction and collaboration with community members to create real-life connections with projects
 - Lectures
 - Large group instruction
 - Small group instruction
 - Cooperative learning strategies
 - Guided practice
 - Independent reading and writing
- Students will use technology to:

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- research information
- prepare and present information in a variety of forms

- Scoring guides are used for both formative and summative evaluation to assess:
 - student writing
 - student presentations
 - scoring guides use
 - peer reviews
 - self-assessment

Sample Assessment Questions:

- Explain the process you used to solve this problem.
- Why do you think your solution was successful?
- What can you do to improve your solution next time?

Instructional Resources/Tools:

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Depth of Knowledge (Section 5)

Curricular Unit: Information Processing

Instructional Unit: C. Utilize multiple sources and technology to gather, organize, and apply information in problems or tasks in multiple contexts

Standard Alignments (Section 2)

GLE/CLE: N/A SSGLE: RIGIT.6.D

Knowledge: (CA) 3,4,5 (SS) 6,7 CCSS: 7.W.1: 7.W.2; 6-8.WHST.8

NETS: 3

Performance: 1.2, 1.4, 1.8, 3.2, 4.5

Unit (Section 3)

Learning Targets:

- Initiate date retrieval through the use of technological sources, charts, surveys or graphs, and other available, reliable resources
- Independently follow appropriate protocols for gathering information
- Organize information from several sources into relevant, useful forms
- Provide explanations about the usefulness and validity of information to develop an outcome
- Use multiple sources of accurate information to develop his/her own idea or create a presentation

Instructional Strategies:

- The teacher will use the following strategies to facilitate the development of gathering, analyzing, and utilizing information:
 - Mini lessons
 - Modeling
 - Class discussion
 - Provide interaction and collaboration with community members to create real-life connections with projects
 - Lectures
 - Large group instruction
 - Small group instruction
 - Cooperative learning strategies
 - Guided practice
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Sample Assessment Questions:

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Instructional Resources/Tools:

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Depth of Knowledge (Section 5)

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Curricular Unit: Problem Solving

Instructional Unit: D. Identifies problems and then formulates and describes strategies to design defensible solutions

Standard Alignments (Section 2)

GLE/CLE: N/A SSGLE: RIGIT.6.D

Knowledge: (CA) 3 (MA) 3 (SS) 6,7

CCSS: 7.RL.1; 7.RL.3; 7.RL.5; 6-8.RH.8; 6-8.RST.3; 6-8.WHST.1; 6-8.WHST.9

NETS: 1a-c; 2a,b,d; 3; 4a-c; 5a,b; 6a,b,d

Performance: 1.10, 2.1-2.8

Unit (Section 3)

Learning Targets:

- Identify a problem, determine its parts and recognize additional issues related to the problem
- Identify and use multiple problem-solving strategies to solve problems
- Determine two or more possible creative and realistic solutions to a problem
- Identify the best solution and explain reasoning
- Determine how an idea or solution interacts with many other systems and clearly explain the interactions and their impact on one another

Instructional Strategies:

- The teacher will use the following strategies to facilitate the identification of problems and the formulation and application of solutions:
 - Mini lessons
 - Modeling
 - Class discussion
 - Provide interaction and collaboration with community members to create real-life connections with projects
 - Lectures
 - Large group instruction
 - Small group instruction
 - Cooperative learning strategies
 - Guided practice
 - Independent reading and writing

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 - peer reviews
 - self-assessment

Sample Assessment Questions:

- Explain the process you used to solve this problem.
- Why do you think your solution was successful?
- What can you do to improve your solution next time?

Instructional Resources/Tools:

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Depth of Knowledge (Section 5)

Curricular Unit: Responsibility

Instructional Unit: E. Works productively independently and as a positive and productive group member

Standard Alignments (Section 2)

GLE/CLE: N/A Knowledge: (CA) 6

CCSS: 7.SL.1; 7.WHST.7; 7.WHST.8

NETS: 1a-c; 2a,b,d; 6a,b,d Performance: 2.2, 2.3, 4.4, 4.6

Unit (Section 3)

Learning Targets:

- Work independently to complete a task. Ask appropriate questions to help develop quality outcomes
- Accept responsibilities for one's actions
- Make a difference for someone or something
- Actively listens to others acknowledging their ideas, helps plan a compromise, and makes a positive contribution to help the group achieve an outcome
- Recommends an action after listening to and considering the relevancy of others' ideas
- Encourage other students to successfully accomplish a group goal

Instructional Strategies:

- The teacher will use the following strategies to facilitate the development of responsibility to self, classmates, and the community at large
 - Mini lessons
 - Modeling
 - Class discussion
 - Provide interaction and collaboration with community members to create real-life connections with projects
 - Lectures
 - Large group instruction
 - Small group instruction
 - Cooperative learning strategies
 - Guided practice
 - Independent reading and writing

- Students will use technology to:
 - research information
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- Scoring guides are used for both formative and summative evaluation to assess:
 - group work
 - student presentations
 - peer reviews
 - self-assessment

Sample Assessment Questions:

- In what ways did you contribute to the solution of your group?
- How does your participation in the group compare to the other group members?
- Specifically, how could you be a better group member on your next project?

Instructional Resources/Tools:

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Depth of Knowledge (Section 5)