

APPENDIX V-3;

Benchmark Advance - TUSD's K-5 Literacy Adoption
Multicultural Departments Recommendations

Unit 1: Government and Citizenship

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
<p>People develop systems to manage conflict and create order.</p> <p>People are responsible, and respectful citizens in the classroom.</p> <p>Rules are important at home and at school.</p>	K	<p>Rules at Home and School</p> <p>a. What are rules?</p> <p>b. Where do we find rules? (home, classroom, playground, neighborhood, etc.)</p> <p>c. How can we identify responsibilities at home and school?</p> <p>d. How can we be respectful to others and their materials?</p> <p>e. How can we identify and solve a problem at home and school?</p> <p>f. Why do we have rules in our homes and schools and what would happen if we did not?</p>	<p>a. Kindergarten Day USA and China</p> <p>b. Families</p> <p>c. Omar's Favorite Place</p> <p>d. Recess Queen</p> <p>e. Goal</p>
	1	<p>Being a Good Community Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a community? • What communities do I belong to and why? • What does it mean to be a member of a community? • How does literature help us learn about different characters? • How can you be a responsible and respectful citizen in a community? 	<p>a. All the World</p> <p>b. What a Wonderful World</p> <p>c. Quinito's Neighborhood</p> <p>d. C is for City</p> <p>e. J is for Jamaica</p> <p>f. Blackout</p> <p>g. Caribbean Dream</p> <p>h. C is for China</p>
	2	<p>Government at Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are governments created, structures maintained, and changed? • What happens in the absence of government? 	
	3	<p>Government for the People</p> <p>a. What are the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government in a society?</p>	
	4	<p>Government in Action</p> <p>b. How can government influence the way we live?</p>	<p>a. Quiet Heroes: The Ira Hayes Story</p> <p>b. Barbed Wire Baseball</p>

	<p>c. How can you be a responsible and respectful citizen in society?</p>	<p>c. The Wall d. A Taste of Colored Water e. Harvesting Hope f. Nasreen’s Secret School g. Razia’s Ray of Hope h. The Composition i. Sparrow Girl</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do we need rules? • What goals, people, and documents influenced the making of the constitution? • How is the Constitution a living document? • What role does each branch of the federal government play in passing laws? • What are the underlying principles of the U.S. Constitution? 	<p>a. My Country: How One Song Reveals the History of Civil Rights b. We Are All Born Free c. Jefferson’s Sons: A Founding Father’s Secret Children</p>

Unit 2: Character

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
Literature helps us to foster understanding of different characters.	K	Every Story Has Characters g. How are characters similar and different?	a. Grand b. Little Treasure: Endearments from around the World
	1	Many Kinds of Characters h. How do we learn about characters? i. What makes characters similar and different?	a. The Colors of Us b. Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match c. Shades of People d. I, Too, Am American
	2	Characters Facing Challenges j. What are challenges? k. What can we learn when we face challenges? l. What are some challenges we face? m. What does it mean to face a challenge? n. Why do we face challenges? o. What do we learn from overcoming challenges?	a. Chrysanthemums b. My Name is Elizabeth c. My Name is Yoon d. Elena's Serenade e. Busing Brewster f. Big Moon Tortilla g. The Birdman h. Silent Music
	3	Ways Characters Shape Stories p. How do our actions influence our lives? q. How can a person's decisions and actions change one's life?	a. White Socks Only b. Something Beautiful c. Barack Obama d. Ruby's Wish e. A Chair for My Mother f. Fly Free g. Fifty Cents and a Dream
	4	Characters' Actions and Reactions r. How do we reveal ourselves to others? s. What is the relationship between decisions and consequences? t. How do we know how to make good decisions? u. How can one's decisions and actions change one's life? v. How do the decisions and actions of a character reveal who they are?	a. Piggybook b. ¡Si, Se Puede!/Yes, We Can! c. A Splash of Red: The life and Art of Horace Pippin d. Diego Rivera e. Frida

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Just Like Me: Stories and Self-Portraits by Fourteen Artists g. My Name is Celia h. Love to Langston
5	<p>Developing Characters' Relationships</p> <p>w. What are qualities we value in characters?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. El Deafo b. The Higher Power of Lucky c. Salsa Stories d. Four Feet, Two Sandals e. Wonder f. When Marian Sang g. Crossing Bok Chitto h. 14 Cows for America i. My Heart Will Not Sit Down j. Forgiveness Garden k. A Faraway Island l. Kinaalda: A Navajo Girl Grows Up m. Boxes for Katje

Unit 3: Life Science

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
<p>Human, animal, and environmental interactions are interdependent.</p> <p>Observable and unseen changes impact our ecosystems and communities at different rates and on different scales.</p> <p>Forces of nature shape and reshape our planet affecting our Earth and its inhabitants.</p>	K	<p>Plants and Animals Have Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. Why do living things have different needs? y. What do plants and animals need to survive? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Panda Kindergarten
	1	<p>Plants and Animals Grow and Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Why do living things change? c. What cycles and stages do living things experience as they grow? d. How do challenges and changes impact growth over time? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dig, Wait, Listen b. The Seeds and the Giant Saguaro c. The Tortilla Factory
	2	<p>Plants and Animals in Their Habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do people, animals, and the environment interact in their communities? e. How do living things get what they need to survive? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Curious Garden b. Wanda's Roses c. Window d. The Desert is Theirs
	3	<p>Animal Adaptations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. How do living things adapt to change? g. How does adaptation sustain life? h. How do people, animals, and environments adapt to their communities and environments? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where the Forest Meets the Sea b. Anno's Counting Book
	4	<p>Observing Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we respond to nature? • How are people, animals, and the environment interdependent? • How do living things affect communities, environment, and ecosystems? • How do living things sustain ecosystems and environments? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Luz Makes Splash b. Luz Sees the Light c. Magic Trash
	5	<p>Cultivating Natural Resource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we decide which resources we should develop? • How do we depend on and modify Earth's resources and systems? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Common Ground b. Planting Trees of Kenya c. The Tree Lady

Unit 4: Point of View

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
<p>Different types of texts have different purposes and structures.</p> <p>Writers choose structures, graphics, and text features to suit the purpose and audience.</p>	K	<p>Writers Tell Many Stories</p> <p>i. Why do people tell stories?</p> <p>j. How do people tell stories?</p>	<p>a. Baby’s First Laugh</p> <p>b. Baby Learns about Senses</p> <p>c. I am Just Like My Mom and Dad</p> <p>d. Papa, Do You Love Me?</p> <p>e. I Love Saturdays y Domingos</p> <p>f. Grandma Comes to Stay</p>
	1	<p>Stories Have a Narrator</p> <p>k. How do people create stories?</p> <p>l. How does the author hook and hold the reader’s attention?</p> <p>m. How would the story change if the narrator changed?</p>	<p>a. Juba This, Juba That</p> <p>b. Red Book</p> <p>c. Pink</p> <p>d. The Pet Dragon</p> <p>e. A Cowgirl and Her Horse</p>
	2	<p>Many Characters. Many Point of View</p> <p>n. How can a story change depending on who tells it?</p> <p>o. How does point of view affect the story?</p> <p>p. How does the author make the characters come to life?</p> <p>q. Why do characters change?</p>	<p>a. The Subway Sparrow</p> <p>b. While You Are Sleeping</p> <p>c. The Junkyard Wonders</p> <p>d. Be Good to Eddie</p> <p>e. First Comes to the Zebra</p>
	3	<p>Comparing Points of View</p> <p>r. What makes people view the same experience in different ways?</p> <p>s. How do cultural experiences influence our understanding of stories?</p>	<p>a. My Relatives Came</p> <p>b. Going Home</p> <p>c. Grandma and Me at Flea</p> <p>d. Playing Loteria</p> <p>e. The Matatu</p> <p>f. We Are Cousin</p> <p>g. I Know Here</p> <p>h. Alfredito Flies Home</p> <p>i. Me and Uncle Romie</p> <p>j. Ling and Ting</p> <p>k. A Summer’s Trade/Shîgo Na’iini’</p>
	4	<p>Understanding Different Points of View</p> <p>t. What do we learn when we look at the world through the eyes of others?</p>	<p>a. Anklet for a Princess: A Cinderella Story from India</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> u. How does a change of point of view affect our understanding of stories? v. How do writers use different points of view to develop a text? w. How can point of view change the theme of a story? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Cindy Ellen: A Wild Western Cinderella c. Domitila: A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition d. The Egyptian Cinderella e. The Korean Cinderella f. The Persian Cinderella g. Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China h. The Gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story
5	<p>Recognizing Author's Point of View</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x. How can other perspectives help us evaluate the world? y. How can a certain point of view that a writer chooses influence a reader? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Song for the Loom b. Indian Shoes c. Rickshaw Girl d. If the World were a Village e. A Boy Named Beckoning f. Sonia Sotomayor g. Inside Out and Back Again h. Home of the Brave i. Little Dog Moon j. The Arrival k. The Enemy l. Family Pictures m. Hamzat's Journey

Unit 5: Technology and Society

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
Technology continues to change the way we live and communicate.	K	Technology at Home and School z. Why do we use technology?	
	1	Technology at Work aa. How can technology make a difference in our lives?	
	2	Solving Problems through Technology bb. Where do ideas for inventions come from?	
	3	Advancements in Technology cc. What is the value of innovation?	
	4	Technology for a Green Future dd. How do we make decisions about developing new technology?	a. Luz Sees the Light
	5	Technology's Impact on Society b. What value does technology bring to people's lives?	

Unit 6: Theme

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
Journeys lead to us explore experiences and new insights into self, people, and the world.	K	Stories Have a Massage c. How does reading stories help you understand yourself and others?	a. William’s Doll b. My People c. Shades of People d. Shades of Black e. Bintou’s Braids
	1	Stories Teach Many Lessons d. How do stories impact our understanding of cultures and society?	a. Fly Free b. How to Heal a Broken Wing
	2	Tales to Live By e. What can different cultures teach us? f. How do stories reveal the values of a given culture or time period?	a. Bee-bim Bop! b. Maggie’s Chopsticks c. Let’s Eat! d. Emeka’s Gift e. My Nana’s Remedies f. My Tata’s Remedies
	3	Making Decisions g. What help us solve problems? h. How do the study of texts help us construct our understanding of reality?	a. My Best Friends b. Each Kindness c. Crow Boy d. And Tango Makes Three
	4	Confronting Challenges i. How do we overcome obstacles? j. What does it mean to face a challenge? k. What steps must be taken to face a challenge? l. What do we learn through overcoming challenges and difficulties?	a. My Name is Sangoel b. The Name Jar c. My Name is Yoon
	5	Up Against the Wild m. What compels us to survive? n. What challenges do we face in a community, society, and the world? o. To what extent does power or the lack of power affect individuals?	a. Bad News for Outlaws b. Nasreen’s Secret School c. Razia’s Ray of Hope d. Diary of Ma Yan e. The Poet Slave of Cuba f. Freedom Summer

	<p>p. What is oppression and what is the root cause?</p> <p>q. Can stories serve as a vehicle for social change?</p> <p>r. When should an individual take a stand against what one believes to be an injustice? What are the most effective ways to do this?</p> <p>s. What does power have to do with fairness and justice?</p>	<p>g. The Cats in Krasinski Square</p> <p>h. The Grand Mosque of Paris</p> <p>i. Hands around the Library</p> <p>j. Hand in Hand</p> <p>k. Heart and Soul</p> <p>l. The Librarian Basara</p> <p>m. Malala and Iqbal</p> <p>n. The Island</p> <p>o. Red Bird Sings</p> <p>p. We are the Ship</p> <p>q. Zora!</p> <p>r. Denied, Detained, Deported</p> <p>s. Underground</p> <p>t. Voices from the Fields</p>
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Unit 7: History and Culture

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
History helps us to understand the cultures of today and our role in the world.	K	Holidays and Celebrations t. Why do we celebrate people and events? u. How do various cultures reward and recognize their heroes?	a. The Party for Papa Luis b. Uno, Dos, Tres; One, Two, Three c. Just a Minute d. Henry’s First-Moon Birthday e. Fiesta! f. Birthday Customs around the World g. Circles Hope
	1	Past, Present, and Future v. Why is the past important? w. How are traditions, histories, behaviors, and attitudes rooted in the past?	a. This is the Rope b. Stitchin’s and Pullin’ c. These Hands d. Chachaji’s Cup e. Pictures from Our Vacation f. Circle Unbroken
	2	Investigating the Past x. How does understanding the past shape the future? y. How do people and events from the past affect the present and the future?	a. The Unbreakable Code b. The Lotus Seed c. Saltypie d. Henry’s Freedom Box
	3	Communities Then and Now z. What is a community? aa. What is community membership? bb. What is the relationship between membership and community?	a. Roxaboxen b. Dream Something Big c. Uptown d. Poetry for Young People e. Harlem f. Ellington Was Not a Street g. Family Pictures
	4	Developing a Nation cc. How do communities evolve? dd. How is a community shaped by time, place, culture, events, or circumstances? ee. What makes a sustainable community?	a. Sweet Music b. Harlem c. The Whispering Cloth d. Sugar Hill e. Sweethearts of Rhythm f. Mosque

			g. Apache Children
	5	Civil War Era ff. What is conflict? gg. How does conflict shape a society? hh. How is a society changed by past and present events? ii. What makes a sustainable society?	a. Show Way b. Juneteenth Jamboree c. Dave the Potter d. Bad News for Outlaws e. We Troubled the Waters

Unit 8: Earth Science

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
Systems have cycles and patterns that allow us to make predictions.	K	Weather and Seasons jj. How do our lives change with the seasons? kk. What adaptations do we make in different seasons? ll. What seasons do we have?	a. My Colors, My World b. Rain School c. Anno's Counting Book
	1	Observing the Sky mm. Why does the sun and moon capture our imagination?	a. All the World
	2	Wind and Water Change Earth b. How do we react to changes in nature? c. How is weather related to water?	a. Monsoon Afternoon
	3	Weather and Climate b. How do we explain the unknown? c. How do humans impact weather systems on Earth?	a. A Place Where Hurricane Happened b. A Storm Called Katarina c. The Butter Man d. Eight Days e. Isabela's Butterflies
	4	Earth Changes d. How do Earth's natural processes impact our live?	a. Our World of Water b. The Diary of Ma Yan
	5	Water: Fact and Fiction e. What does water mean to people and the societies they live in? f. What are the responsibilities of the individual and society in maintaining the healthy environments?	a. Stones for My Father b. Ryan and Jimmy c. Common Ground d. The Dust Bowl through the Lens

Unit 9: Economics

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
The economy influences our everyday life and the choices we make.	K	Meeting Our Needs and Wants g. Why do we make choices? h. How does your family decide to make and spend money?	
	1	We Use goods and Services i. Why do people trade with each other?	a. Market Day
	2	Buyers and Sellers b. How do the goods we make, buy, and sell connect us?	a. Lemonade in Winter b. How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin
	3	Spending Time and Money c. What do our economic choices tell us about ourselves? d. How are our economic choices influenced by our societies and cultural values and beliefs?	a. Happy Like Soccer b. Tia Isa Wants a Car c. Pitching in for Eubie d. Those Shoes e. A Char for My Mother
	4	Resources and Their Impact e. How does access to resources influence people's lives?	a. Waiting for Mama b. The New Year Reunion c. Children of Clay d. Tight Times e. This House is Made of Mud f. The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China
	5	The Economic Development of Cities f. How do economic changes impact society? g. What are the elements that make up an economy?	a. Hold Fast b. Turtle in Paradise c. A Gift from Childhood

Unit 10: Physical Science

Enduring Understandings	G	Essential Questions	Multicultural Adoptions
The flow of energy drives all biological, chemical, physical, and geological systems on Earth. The transfer of energy into its many forms affects every facet of our lives.	K	Forces and Motion h. What makes things move? i. Why do things move?	
	1	Exploring Sound and Light a. How would our lives be different without light and sound?	
	2	States of Matter b. How can something old become new?	
	3	Transforming Matter c. Why do we measure and describe the world?	a. Wave b. Caribbean Dream
	4	The Power of Electricity d. Where do scientific discoveries lead us?	
	5	Physics and Invention e. How can we use science to accomplish the impossible?	a. Crunch