Used Throughout the Year
Rhyme Stew (Big Book)

Unit 1: Back to School
Big Book/Little Book
First Grade Stinks! by Mary Ann Rodman (Realistic Fiction)
The First Day of First Grade by Milo Reese (Poetry)
A New Friend at School by Tany Anderson (Realistic Fiction)
The Plant Monitor by Michele Boston (Realistic Fiction)
Story Time by Margaret Matthews (Poetry)
The Little School Bus by Carol Roth (Rhyming Fiction)
What Will I Be? by Jill Johnson (Photo Essay)
We Couldn’t Wait by Maggie Smith-Beehler (Poetry)

Unit 2: Be My Friend
Big Book/Little Book
Chicken Chickens Go to School written and illustrated by Valeri Gorbachev (Fantasy)
A Friend Can by Harper Hess (Poetry)
My Two Best Friends by Claire Daniel (Realistic Fiction)
Friends Find Solutions by Megan Thompson (Opinion or Persuasive Writing)
We Could Be Friends by Myra Cohn Livingston (Poetry)
No Wolves Allowed by Sheila Sweeny Higginson (Fable)
Far Away Friends by Tamara Andrews (Informational Text)
Best Friend by Claire Boiko (Poetry)

Unit 3: Science Cycles
Big Book/Little Book
Time Is When by Beth Gleick (Informational Text)
The Months by Sara Coleridge (Poetry)
Jake’s Tree by Dennis Fertig (Realistic Fiction)
Journey of a Raindrop by Vidas Barzdukas (Narrative Fiction)
Spring Rain by Elena Vasquez (Poetry)
From Seed to Flower by Jeri Cipriano (Explanatory Text)
Cycles of Life by Oliver Rodriguez (Poetry)

Unit 4: Light and Sound
Big Book/Little Book
Me and My Shadow by Amy Tao (Informational Text)
The Sun by Gareth Lancaster (Poetry)
The Star by Jane Taylor (Poetry)
Watching the Moon by Abi Manickam (Informational Text)
Ben’s Bright Idea by Daniel Bick (Historical Fiction)
Flicker, Flash, Ka-Boom! by Valerie Marchini (Poetry)
Just Listen by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld (Informational Text)
The Tale of Lightning and Thunder by Edwin Clark (Myth)
Weather by Eve Merriam (Poetry)
Onomatopoeia by Eve Merriam (Poetry)
Unit 5: Around Our Town
Big Book/Little Book
City Life and Town Life by Jeri Johnson (Informational Text)
Wake Up! by Eva Grant (Poetry)
Places in Our Community by Nicole DeSalle (Informational Text)
First Reader
Sam’s Map | On the Globe | The Zoo Trip
Inside the Fire Station | At the Library

Unit 6: Around Our World
Big Book/Little Book
Be My Neighbor by Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko (Informational Text)
Neighborhood of Sun (Barrio lleno de sol) from A Movie in My Pillow (Una película en mi almohada) by Jorge Argueta (Poetry)
Family Roots by Lisa Kurkov (Realistic Fiction)
First Reader
Hello, Japan! | Plink, Plink, Plink | A Trip to Peru
Let’s Go To School! | Finding My Place

Unit 7 Roots and Seeds
Student Anthology
Plant Life Cycles by Julie K. Lundgren (Explanatory Text)
Dandelion by Heidi Roemer (Poetry)
Pond Plants by Carol Krueger (Informational Text)
Fruits and Vegetables at Work by Rowan Sienkiewicz (Explanatory Text)
Protective Plants by Rosa McKenna (Informational Text)

Unit 8: Animal from Head to Toe
Student Anthology
Gecko Toes and Dragonfly Eyes by Eric Ode (Informational Text)
The Fable of the Lion and the Mouse by Cameron Molina (Fable)
Grow, Ladybug, Grow! by Ursula Cook (Explanatory Text)
Just Like My Mother by M.L. Cuffney (Fantasy)
How Animals Move by Valentino Neidr (Photo Essay)

Unit 9: Red, White, and Blue
Student Anthology
Patriotism by George Frey (Informational Text)
This Land Is Your Land by Woody Guthrie (Poetry)
A Center for Everyone by Kate De Goldi (Realistic Fiction)
Veterans: Heroes in our Neighborhood by Valerie Pfundstein (Rhyming Fiction)
America is... by Louise Borden (Narrative Nonfiction)

Unit 10: Stars and Stripes
Student Anthology
Our Song and Our Flag: A National Symbol by Amelia Gunderman (Informational Text)
The Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key (Poetry)
The Statue of Liberty by Sunil Raval (Informational Text)
The Bald Eagle: A Proud Symbol by Heidi McKelvey (Informational Text)
Our Trip to Washington, D.C. by Lane Katsaros (Realistic Fiction)

Unit 11: Art for All
Student Anthology
David’s Drawings written and illustrated by Cathryn Falwell (Realistic Fiction)
Crayons by Jane Yolen (Poetry)
The Girl in the Red Sweater by Evelyn Chu (Realistic Fiction)
The Abstract Cat by Raj Manohar (Realistic Fiction)
Henri’s Scissors excerpted from a larger work written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter (Biography)

Unit 12: Art in Motion
Student Anthology
Start Up the Band! by Eve Tonkin (Historical Fiction)
Singing-Time by Rose Fyleman (Poetry)
Rock and Roll the Week Away by Robert Heidbreder (Poetry)
The Quest for Steps by Karen Martin (Adventure Tale)
Dance: A Balanced Art by Kathleen DeFede (Explanatory Text)
Let’s Set the Stage! by Madeline James (Play)