Kindergarten Harcourt Journeys Scope and Sequence

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| 1 | Families | What is the same about all families? | Main Ideas/ Genre | Building with DadRealistic Fiction | What Makes a Family?Informational | Poems About FamiliesPoetry/ Lullaby | Rhyming Words | Letters K, L, M, N, O | Classify & Categorize Family Words | Narrative | Nouns | Social Relationships |
| 2 | Going to School | Why do we have rules at school? | Understanding Characters/ Author’s Purpose | Friends at SchoolInformational | How Do Dinosaurs go to School?Fantasy | My School BusInformational | Beginning Sounds | Letters P, Q, R, S, T | Antonyms | Narrative | Nouns | Civics |
| 3 | Pets | Why do people have to take care of their pets? | Story Structure/ Conclusions | I Have a Pet!Realistic Fiction | Please, Puppy, PleaseRealistic Fiction | Different Kinds of DogsInformational | Beginning SoundsWords in Oral Sentences | Letters UVWXYZ | Synonyms | Narrative | Nouns | Values |
| 4 | Jobs | What kind of work do people do? | Text and Graphic Features/ Genre | Pizza at Sally’sRealistic Fiction | Everybody WorksInformational | The Elves and the ShoemakerThe Lion and the MouseFairy Tale and Fable | Beginning SoundsWords in Oral Sentences | Letter Sound /m/ | Classify & Categorize words for jobs | Narrative | Action Verbs | Community |
| 5 | Helping | How do tools help us do things with our hands? | Details/ Cause and Effect | The Little Red HenFolktale | The Handiest Things in the WorldInformational | Stone SoupFolktale/ Traditional Tale | Beginning SoundsWords in Oral Sentences | Letter Sound /s/ | Synonyms | Narrative | Action Verbs | Social Relationships  |

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| 6 | Using Our Senses | How do our senses help us learn about the world? | Compare and Contrast/Text and graphic features | Listen, Listen/Informational | My Five SensesInformational | Poems About Senses | Blends/onset-rime | Short /a/ | Context Clues | Word Choice | Sensory Words | Using our Senses |
| 7 | Sounds and Language | How do animals communicate?How do people communicate? | Understanding Characters/ Authors word choice | Amelia’s Show and Tell FiestaRealistic Fiction | Mice Squeak, We SpeakRealistic Fiction | The Fort Worth ZooInformational | Blend & Segment onset-rime | Letter T sound | Classify & Categorize Sensory Words | Informative Writing | Sensory Words | Communication |
| 8 | Ways to Move | Why do different animals move in different ways? | Details/ Compare and Contrast | Jonathan and His MommyRealistic Fiction | Move!Informational | The Hare and the TortoiseFolktale | Blend & Segment onset-rime | c/k/ | Classify & Categorize Action Words  | Informative Writing | Adjectives for Color | Ways to move |
| 9 | Machines and Wheels | Why do people use wheels? | Text & Graphic Features/ Conclusions | Good Morning, DiggerRealistic Fiction | What Do Wheels Do All Day?Informational | Wheels Long Ago and TodayInformational | Blend Phonemes | Letter P Sound | Synonyms | Informative Writing | Adjectives for numbers | Technology and Innovation |
| 10 | Using Shapes | What can we create with shapes? | Story Structure/ Understanding Characters | David’s DrawingsRealistic Fiction | Mouse ShapesFiction | Signs and ShapesInformational | Blend Phonemes | Review/m/, /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/, c/k/ | Classify & Categorize Shape words | Informative Writing | Adjectives for Size and Shape |  |

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| 11 | Seasons | How does the weather change in different months and seasons? | Compare and Contrast/Question | Every Season/ Informational | Jump into January/ Informational | Holidays All Year Long/ Informational/SS | Blend phonemes | Short /a/ | Figurative language | Narrative/Word Choice | Sentence Parts: Subjects | Earth Science |
| 12 | Weather | What do animals do when the weather changes? | Conclusions/ Understanding Characters | Storm is Coming!Fantasy | SnowFantasy | How Water ChangesInformational | Blend Phonemes/Final Sound | Letter N Sounds/Blending & Building words | Classify and Categorize Sensory Words | Narrative Writing | Sentence Parts: Verb | Earth Science |
| 13 | Animal Bodies | How do animals use their different body parts? | Author’s Purpose/ Text and Graphic Features | A Zebra’s WorldInformational  | What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?Informational | Poems About AnimalsPoetry | Blend Phonemes/Final Sound | Letter F Sounds/Blending & Building words | Context Clues | Narrative Writing | Complete Sentences | Animal Bodies |
| 14 | Animal Homes | Where do different animals make their homes? | Cause and Effect/ Author’s Purpose | Home for a Tiger, Home for a BearInformational | Turtle Splash!Informational | Where Animals Live?Informational | Blend Phonemes/Middle Sound | Letter B Sounds/Blending & Building words | Classify and Categorize Number Words | Narrative Writing | Verbs in past tense | Animal Homes |
| 15 | Up in the Sky | What can we see in the sky? | Sequence of Events/ Author’s Word Choice | How Many Stars in the Sky?Realistic Fiction | What a Beautiful Sky?Informational  | What Will the Weather Be Like?Informational | Blend Phonemes/Middle Sound | Review/a/, /b/, /n/, /f/, Blending and Building Words  | Figurative Language: Simile | Narrative Writing | Statements | Earth Science |

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| 16 | Testing Ideas | What kinds of things do scientists study? | Details/Main Idea | Dear Mr. BlueberryFantasy | What is Science? Poetry | Benjamin Franklin, InventorBiography | Blend Phonemes/Middle Sound | Short /i/ Blending wordsi is a vowel | Classify and Categorize Science Words  | Opinion | Questions | General Science |
| 17 | Nature All Around | How do living things change as they grow? | Sequence of events/ author’s word choice | It is the WindRealistic Fiction | From Catepillar to ButterflyInformational | Anansi and the GrasshopperTrickster Tale | Blend and Segment Phonemes | Letter /g/ sound Blending Words | Multi-meaning words | Opinion  | Proper Nouns | General Science |
| 18 | Oceans and Waterways | In what ways is the Atlantic Ocean special? | Author’s Purpose/ Figurative Language | One-Dog CanoeFiction | AtlanticInformational | Poems about the SeaPoetry | Blend and Segment Phonemes | Letter /r/ sound Blending Words | Context Clues | Opinion | Future Tense Verbs | Earth Science |
| 19 | Outdoor Adventures | What kinds of things could happen on a hike? | Cause and Effect/ Sequence of Events | Nicky and the Rainy DayFantasy | Sheep Take a HikeFantasy | The Three Billy Goats Gruff/ The Builder and the OniFairy Tales | Blend and Segment Phonemes | Letter /d/ sound Blending Words | Antonyms | Opinion | Past Tense Verbs |  |
| 20 | Making Discoveries | What do scientists do when they discover something new? | Sequence of events/ conclusions | Duck and GoodFantasy | Curious George’s Dinosaur DiscoveryFantasy | Exploring Land and WaterInformational | Add Phonemes | Blending Review Word Building | Synonyms | Opinion | Verbs | General Science |

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| 21 |  | How do musicians work together to make music? | Details/ Infer and predict | Simon and Molly, plus Hester | Zin! Zin! Zin! A ViolinFiction | Poems about MusicPoetry | Blend and Segment Phonemes | Short /o/ | Multiple-Meaning Words | Informative | Pronouns |  |
| 22 | Growing Up | How do things change when someone is growing up? | Story Structure/ Sequence of events | A Tiger Grows UpInformational | Leo the Late BloomerFantasy | What Can a Baby Animal Do? | Blend, Segment Substitute Phonemes | Letter /x/ /j/ sound Blending Words | Antonyms | Informative | Pronouns | Life Science |
| 23 | How Things Grow | What steps can someone follow to plant and grow flowers? | Sequence of Events/ Text and Graphic Features | Oscar and the FrogInformational | Zinnia’s Flower GardenInformational | Growing SunflowersInformational | Blend, Segment Substitute Phonemes | Short /e/ Blending words | Context Clues | Informative | Proper Nouns | Life Science |
| 24 | Animal Colors | How do animals’ colors help them survive? | Conclusions/ Author’s Purpose | Red Eyes or Blue FeatherInformational | Chameleon, ChameleonInformational | Amazing Animal BodiesInformational | Blend, Segment Substitute Phonemes | Letter /h/ /k/SoundsBlending Words | Classify and Categorize Describing words | Informative | Questions | Life Cycles |
| 25 | Growing Food | How do people get food from plants? | Text and Graphic Features/ Sequence of events | Bread Comes to LifeInformational | Pie in the SkyRealistic Fiction | From Apple Seed to StoreInformational | Blend, Segment Substitute Phonemes | Review/e/, /x/, /j/, /o/, /h/, /k/ | Classify and Categorize Seasons | Informative | Exclamations | Life Science |

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| 26 | Trying Your Best | Why is it important to try hard? | Conclusions/ Genre | Curious George Makes Pancakes Fantasy | Kitten’s First Full MoonFiction | Poems about Trying and the MoonPoetry | Substitute Phonemes | Short /u/ | Antonyms | Opinion | Nouns | Trying Your Best  |
| 27 | Family Outings | What is it like to the youngest in a family? | Compare and Contrast/ understanding characters | Someone BiggerFiction | One of ThreeRealistic Fiction | Cross-Country TripInformational | Substitute Phonemes | Letter L and W Sounds/Blending & Building words | Classify and Categorize Places | Opinion | Subject-Verb Agreement |  |
| 28 | Getting Help | Why is it important to help your friends? | Story Structure/ Genre | The Little Engine That CouldFantasy | You Can Do It, Curious GeorgeFantasy | Poems About Things You Can DoPoetry | Substitute Phonemes | Letter V and Z Sounds/Blendingwords | Context Clues | Opinion | Subject-Verb Agreement | Values |
| 29 | Learning New Things | What do children learn in kindergarten? | Main Idea and Details/ Author’s Purpose | Baby BrainsFiction | Look at UsInformational | The Three Little PigsFairy Tale | TrackSyllables | Letter Y and Q Sounds/Blendingwords | Figurative Language | Opinion | Prepositions | Insects |
| 30 | Good Neighbors | What can I do to be a good friend or a good neighbor? | Understanding Characters/ Genre | Pet Show!Realistic Fiction | Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the Last Day of KindergartenFantasy | Schools Then and NowInformational | Track Syllables | Review short vowels,Blending Review, Words with –s, -ing | Synonyms | Opinion | Prepositions | Social Relationships |