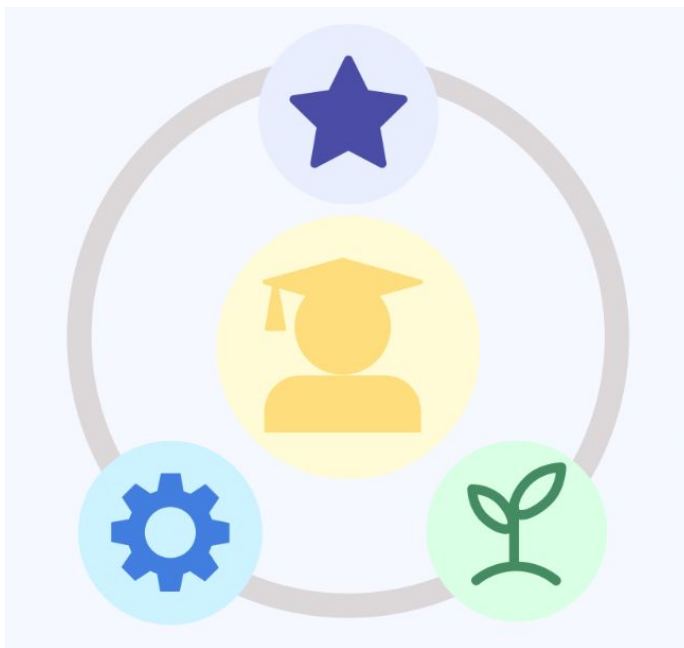




An Introduction to Understanding the Curriculum





Mastery of Knowledge and Skills

Standards-aligned instruction and assessment

Focus on critical thinking, communication, and deeper learning



High-Quality Student Work

Demonstrates complexity, craftsmanship, and authenticity

Evident in performance tasks, conversations, and responses to prompts



Character

Tools to become effective, ethical learners who work to make the world a better place

Integrated focus on developing character within lesson context

8 High-Leverage Practices

Every lesson and component is designed to incorporate these eight high-leverage practices:

1. Using Learning Targets
2. Checking for Understanding
3. Employing Total Participation Techniques
4. Fostering A Culture of Grappling
5. Using Questions to Promote (Not Just Assess) Student Learning
6. Engaging Students with Protocols
7. Deepening Student Discourse
8. Co-Constructing Anchor Charts with Students



K-4 Module Topics

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
Kindergarten	Toys and Play	Weather Wonders	Trees are Alive	Enjoying and Appreciating Trees
Grade 1	Tools and Work	The Sun, Moon, and Stars	Birds' Amazing Bodies	Caring for Birds
Grade 2	Schools and Community	Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes	The Secret World of Pollination	Providing for Pollinators
Grade 3	Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far	Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs	Exploring a Literary Classic	Water Conservation
Grade 4	Poetry, Poets and Becoming Writers	Animal Defense Mechanisms	The American Revolution	Responding to Inequality: Ratifying the 19th Amendment

Module (8 weeks)

K-2 does NOT
have Mid Unit
Assessments

Unit - 2 weeks

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Lesson

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Mid Unit
Assessment

End of Unit
Assessment

Mid Unit
Assessment

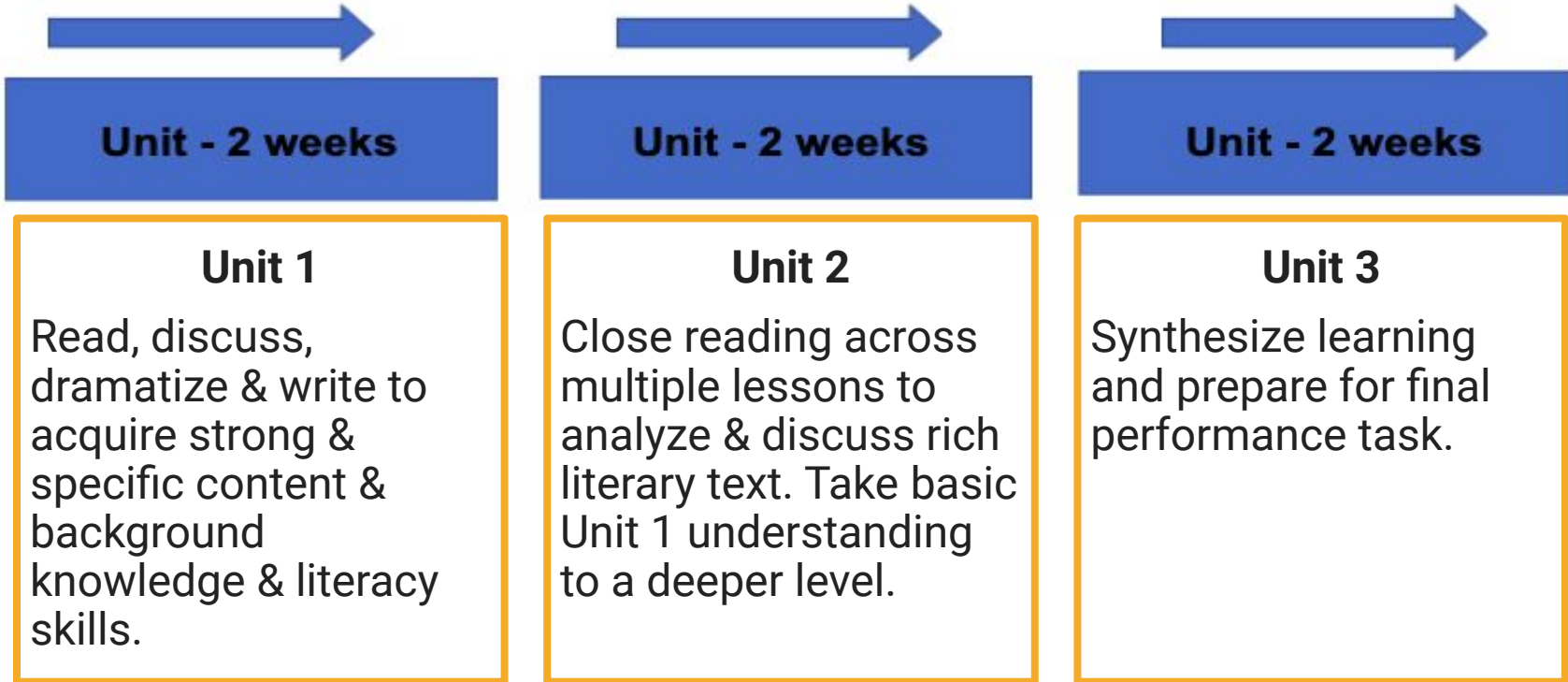
End of Unit
Assessment

Mid Unit
Assessment

Performance
Task

Curriculum Structure: Unit Progression

Depth: Students can practice **more complex** literacy skills as they go deeper into topics.



Questions



Thank you!