



December

Learning FOCUS

Social Studies

Holidays Around the World

Examining Christmas in over 10 different countries!

As well as, discovering Diwali, Kwanzaa, & Hanukkah!

Math

- Tell time to the nearest hour, half-hour, & 5-minute intervals
- Differentiate between AM & PM
- Represent and compare 3-digit numbers using Base-10 blocks & expanded form
- Use Base-10 blocks to model addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers
- Recognize standard units of measurement (Ex: inch, foot, & centimeter)

Plus a variety of spiral (return) skills from 1st Grade & previous units this year!

***FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO THE EVERYDAY MATH PARENT LETTERS FOR UNIT 4!**

Writing

Poetry, plus the following grammar/convention subtopics...

Capitalize first word in a sentence & proper nouns

Space words appropriately

Punctuate the end of each sentence

Use singular & plural nouns with matching verbs

Spell known words conventionally & unknown phonetically

Produce/expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, & exclamatory sentences

Revisit unfinished work & add details to strengthen writing

Reading & Phonics

- Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text
- Recount stories and determine their central message/ theme, lesson, or moral
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges using key details
- Describe how words supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song
- Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action, identifying how each successive part builds on earlier sections
- Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud
- Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story by different authors or from different cultures
- Segment, blend, decode (sound out), & encode (spell) multisyllabic words
- Determine the appropriate use of /k/ sound in the initial/final placements of words
- Identify & differentiate between a variety of syllable types
- Decode & encode one- & two-syllable words that follow a variety of syllable types/spelling patterns
- Identify r-controlled vowels & vowel team sounds
- Identify & use "y" as a vowel
- Automatically recall & write "Trick Words"
- Write dictated sentences correctly & with appropriate mark-up's & components

***REFER TO FOUNDATIONS UNITS 6 & 7 LETTERS!**

