Unit Descriptions
Cross-Genre Literacy Explorations

UNIT NAME **Getting Started with CricketTogether**

STRAND Intro

DESCRIPTION What is CricketTogether? Why are we using CricketTogether in our classroom this year? How can Pen Pals help us grow and learn?

UNIT NAME **Amazing Animals**

STRAND Animals

DESCRIPTION It's a rough world out there when all you have are your instincts, a few unique characteristics, and some unusual ways of defending yourself. Find out how animals use their special traits and abilities to survive.

UNIT NAME **Dollars and Sense**

STRAND Financial Literacy

DESCRIPTION What roles does money play in our daily lives? Learn about the different ways money is saved, borrowed, and used.

UNIT NAME **Fairy Tales**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Fairy Tales

DESCRIPTION From “Once upon a time,” to “Happily ever after,” find out what fairy tales really are, and why their spells still enchant readers.

UNIT NAME **Family Matters**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Stories

DESCRIPTION These stories celebrate the differences that make each family unique and how family members support and depend on each other.

UNIT NAME **First Americans: Native Peoples and the Land**

STRAND Social Studies

DESCRIPTION Meet the first American Indians and see how many facets of their lives reflected a deep relationship with their land.

UNIT NAME **Folktales**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Folktales

DESCRIPTION Familiar plots that reveal a rich tapestry of tradition and culture handed down through generations.

UNIT NAME **I Can Invent**

STRAND STEM

DESCRIPTION What does it take to invent something? How can kids invent things that matter? Inventions are all around us. They solve problems and make our lives easier. Students learn about the invention process and meet some young inventors through reading about them and their work. Then, they can try inventing on their own and/or in groups, at school or at home.

UNIT NAME **Into the Rainforest**

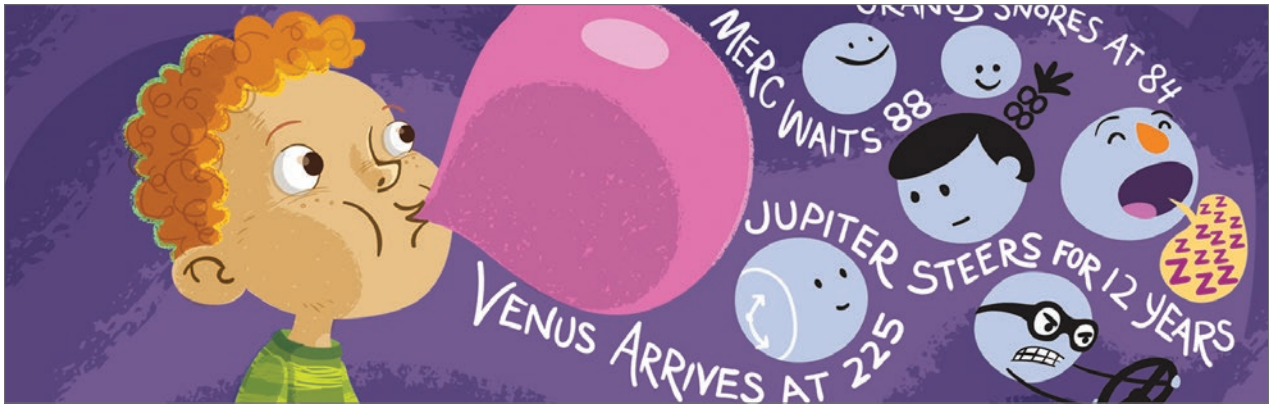
STRAND Ecosystems

DESCRIPTION Rainforests have been called “jewels of the planet.” Why are rainforests so special and what can we do to protect them?

UNIT NAME **Kids and the Industrial Revolution**

STRAND Social Studies

DESCRIPTION The Industrial Revolution was a time of invention that changed the way families lived and worked and has greatly impacted how we live today.



UNIT NAME **Solving Problems**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Fiction

DESCRIPTION These stories challenge readers to recognize the problem-solving strategies put to use in realistic situations.

UNIT NAME **Standing Up For Yourself**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Fiction

DESCRIPTION These stories will show how several characters bravely learned to stand up for themselves, and for others.

UNIT NAME **Trickster Tales**

STRAND Exploring Genres: Fiction

DESCRIPTION Entertaining stories from around the world with crafty characters relying on their wits to find clever ways of getting what they need.

UNIT NAME **Wheelin' Around**

STRAND STEM

DESCRIPTION From chariot wheels to wheels on the Mars Rover,explore the roots of this ancient invention and how it makes our lives easier today.

UNIT NAME	Saying Goodbye
STRAND	Final Unit
DESCRIPTION	Students and their Pen Pals reread their letters, reflect on their learning, express appreciation for each other and say goodbye.