Elementary Reading Curriculum: Units of Study in Reading

Grade 2

Unit 1:	Becoming	g a Big Kid Reader	
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Unit Learning Bends	Bend I: Reading with Fluency	Across this bend, teachers will help students to become kids who read with Big Kid fluency. Kids will learn that whereas in first grade, fluency usually was the result of rereading to make things smooth, now, as Big Kid Readers, they can learn to read with fluency right from the start. Teachers will focus on reading in phrases and the idea that there are common phrases that become so familiar that kids can read them in a snap. Fluency also involves reading with accuracy, so teachers support fluency also by teaching kids how to tackle longer words. Teachers will teach them that they can cut off the endings such as <i>-ing</i> and <i>-ed</i> . Later in this bend teachers will help readers be more efficient by reading in parts rather than letter by letter. Punctuation plays a role in this bend as well. Teachers will help them notice that authors have left stage direction clues to help them read their writing with expression and intonation. The bend ends with children making a video to show their	Priority Standards across the Unit that will be addressed: RF 2.3 RF 2.4 RL 2.1 RL 2.3 RL 2.5 RL 2.6 SL 2.5

		first-grade teachers how they, as Big Kid Readers, are reading.	
	Bend II: Reading Series Books	Across this bend, teachers will help students to study story elements —characters, setting, problem, events, and resolution. They'll use their emerging understanding of how most stories go to help them retell the whole story. Children will learn that when reading a whole series of books, they get to know the main character almost as well as they get to know their best friend. Just as a friend can say, "Yeah, yeah, she <i>always</i> does that!" or "That's what he <i>always</i> says," readers can do the same. Students' reading will become more inferential as they think about how the characters are feeling and why they might feel that way. In the share of the last session of Bend II, teachers will establish permanent partners and channel kids to shop together for their own mix of series, fiction, and nonfiction books.	
	Bend III: Flexible Word Solving	Across this bend, teachers will help students to apply strategies that will help them become efficient and flexible word solvers. Teachers will focus on vowel teams and later <i>R</i> -controlled vowels, focusing on trying the most common sounds first, switching things around when needed. Finally, teachers will teach kids that once they have word solved a word, they won't want to do that again, so it helps to study the word, mapping it onto their brains so another time, they see this word and read it in a snap.	
Unit Resources	 Jellyfi. Emmo Evelyr 	y Texts for Read Aloud and for Minilessons: sh; Mysterious Creatures from the Sea by Michèle Dufi a Every Day: Crazy for Apples by C. L. n Del Rey is Moving Away by Meg Medina	resne
Lesson Topics Across the Unit	Lesson 2: Big Lesson 3: Rea Lesson 4: Rea Lesson 5: Rea Lesson 6: Pur	Kid Readers Remember to Do All They've Learned Kid Readers Read More and More ading Smoothly in Phrases from the Start ading Words, Part by Part aders Check to Be Sure the Solved Word Makes Sense inctuation and Font Help You Read Aloud Well	
	Lesson 7: Rea	ading Aloud Well	

		ry Elements Can Help Readers Understand a Story	
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		earning about the Character	
		eeing Patterns across Series Books	
		rowing Ideas about the Characters	
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Unit 2:	Becoming	g Experts	
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	unter	ent strategies.	
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Learning	Learning	read closely. Then, they'll learn to orient	
Bends	from	themselves to nonfiction texts, discovering that	
	Nonfiction	readers don't only think, "What will this book	Priority
	Books	probably teach me?" but they also think, "What do	Standards
		I already know about this?" Students will learn	across the
		strategies for accumulating information so as not	Unit that will
		to be overwhelmed and get a "brain-ache."	be
		Children will learn to use graphics to connect	addressed:
		information—and they'll ask questions to learn all	
		they can from graphics. They'll also learn to draw	RI 2.1
		on their growing background knowledge as they	RI 2.2
		read, remembering what they learned from one	RI 2.3
		text as they read another. With help from the table	RI 2.4
		of contents and subheadings within books, they'll	RI 2.5
		determine subtopics and collect information and	RI 2.7
		key vocabulary connected to those subtopics.	

	Bend II: Learning from Nonfiction Text Sets	Across this bend, teachers will help students to "snowball" ideas using cross-text synthesis. They'll take what they learned about a subtopic from one text and read a new book on that topic, picking more information and vocabulary around their initial learning. Teachers will help children learn to notice the types of text structures they'll encounter in nonfiction books, including cause and effect and sequence. As they become experts in their topics, they'll prepare for a celebration where they present their new knowledge and ideas to visiting first-graders.	
	Bend III: Reading Nonfiction Texts of All Kinds	Across this bend, teachers will help students to read browsable and how-to texts. Expert readers of browsable books first explore the terrain, getting the lay of the land, then zoom in on parts that are especially interesting or relevant. Children wrestle with how the different parts of a text fit together. They also ask and answer questions and make theories about the information they are learning. Soon, students switch to how-to texts. Students will use cookbooks, written instructions, and video instructions to practice reading procedural texts. They'll learn to skim the text asking, "What will I need?" then to shift between reading, pausing, and doing as they read along. The celebration at the end of the unit provides an opportunity for students to share their knowledge with family visitors. To prepare, children will select three or four books to highlight, reviewing the books to recall what they've learned. Partners will share information from their curated selection of books with classroom visitors.	
Unit Resources	 Mae J Natio Your I Erupt Jellyfi 	ey Texts for Read Aloud and for Minilessons: Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed nal Geographic Readers: Planets by Elizabeth Carney Place in the Universe by Jason Chin ion! The Story of Volcanoes by Anita Ganeri sh: Mysterious Creatures from the Sea by Michele Dufr	esne
		Pandas 101 from National Geographic Wild Squid by Candace Fleming	

	 Volcar 	<i>noes</i> by Anita Ganeri	
	Insect:	s by the Numbers by Steve Jenkins	
Lesson	Lesson 1: Rea	ding Nonfiction to Be Fascinated	
Topics	Lesson 2: Orie	enting and Recalling Relevant Background Knowledge	
across	Lesson 3: Lea	rning from All the Parts of the Page	
the Unit	Lesson 4: Usir	ng Background Knowledge to Help You Think More as	You Read
	Lesson 5: Lea	rning from Reading	
	Lesson 6: Det	ermining Importance in Nonfiction	
	Lesson 7: Coll	lecting Expert Vocabulary	
	Lesson 8: Buil	lding Knowledge on a Topic	
	Lesson 9: Lea	rning <i>More</i>	
	Lesson 10: No	oticing Kinds of Connections in Nonfiction: Sequence,	Cause/Effect
	Lesson 11: So	lving Words Takes Strategic and Flexible Thinking	
	Lesson 12: Ca	tegorizing Vocabulary to Review Knowledge and Get	Ready to
	Learn		
	Lesson 13: Stu	udying Vocabulary to Learn More about How Words V	Nork
	Lesson 14: No	onfiction Readers Celebrate by Sharing Their Knowled	ge
	Lesson 15: Le	arning How to Read Browsable Books	
		ing White Space in Books to Do Brainy Work	
		arning from How-To Texts	
	Lesson 18: Us	ing All the Parts of How-To Texts to Learn More	
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	Bend II: Tackling Longer Books	strategies they have learned during phonics time, they will also learn how to divide a longer word into syllables based on the number of vowels, and how the placement of the vowel within a syllable impacts the sound it makes. Across this bend, teachers will help students to boost their comprehension strategies to match the demands of books that are getting longer and more complex. Students will be reminded of the importance of previewing a book before getting started, this time with the main character and problem/solution in mind. They'll discuss familiar story elements as they learn to make inferences, use evidence from the text to support their inferences, stop at points of confusion to reread and fix up, and focus their retelling on the most important details, which happen to be mainly around problem and resolution. The bend culminates with the final strategy for tackling longer books—considering the problem and resolution, and then thinking about the life lesson that can be learned.	Unit that will be addressed: RF 2.3 RF 2.4 RI 2.1 RI 2.2 RI 2.3 RI 2.5 RI 2.6
	Bend III: Tackling Longer Words and Longer Books with Greater Fluency	Across this bend, teachers will help students to use their new skills in decoding and comprehension to read more fluently. Students will practice scooping up longer phrases and doing so while attending to punctuation and meaning. Teachers will especially want to emphasize reading dialogue fluently—and as they do, they'll harken back to the character work students did in the second bend, reminding them to draw on their understanding of characters' personalities and moods to read dialogue with expression. As the bend wraps up, teachers will highlight one critical aspect of fluency—pacing—as they encourage students to find their optimal reading speed so that they get a lot of reading done without sacrificing comprehension.	
Unit Resources	My Fo	ey Texts for Read Aloud and for Minilessons: potprints by Boa Phi and the Perfect Play by Siman Nuurali	

	• Each	Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson	
Lesson	Lesson 1: Rea	aders Spiff Up the Library with Wish Bins	
Topics	Lesson 2: Bui	Iding Supportive Partnerships	
across	Lesson 3: Using Self-Talk to Tackle the Schwa		
the Unit	Lesson 4: Bra	instorming Tips that Partners Can Give to Readers—a	nd to
	Themselves		
	Lesson 5: Tur	rn to an Expert	
	Lesson 6: Tac	ckling Longer Words: Where's That Vowel?	
	Lesson 7: Tac	ckling-Longer-Words Celebration	
	Lesson 8: Pre	eviewing a Reading with Story Structure in Mind	
	Lesson 9: Rea	aders Ask and Answer Why Questions	
	Lesson 10: M	Ionitoring Comprehension When Reading Longer Book	S
	Lesson 11: De	etermining Importance to Retell Longer Stories	
	Lesson 12: Cl	haracters Learn Lessons	
	Lesson 13: Re	ehearsing Reading Voices	
	Lesson 14: So	cooping Words into Phrases	
	Lesson 15: N	oticing Dialogue Tags	
	Lesson 16: U	nderstanding Dialogue	
	Lesson 17: Re	eading at a Just-Right Pace	
Unit 4:	Stepping	into the World of the Story	
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		be able to independently use their learning to	
		ion what they are reading and use that in combination	with other
		rehension strategies.	
		mine the meaning of unknown words, including their	connotation.
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Unit	Bend I:	Across this bend, teachers will help students to	
Learning	Stepping	step into the worlds of their stories, thinking about	
Bends	into the	the incredible power that reading has to take us on	
	World of	adventures, on field trips to faraway places, and to	Priority
	the Story	familiar neighborhoods. On Day One, teachers will	Standards
	- ,	channel students to find books they love by tasting	across the
		(sampling) books from a variety of	Unit that will
		genres. Students will learn two key strategies for	

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	envisioning with detail—picturing characters' faces and actions, as well as envisioning and keeping track of setting. Teachers will also support students in being active readers, helping them understand that stepping into the world of the story means making predictions and noticing one's own reactions to the text. If the setting of a story is new to readers, teachers will encourage them to do tiny digital searches to learn more about that setting. Teachers will teach them that once they've got a prediction, they read on, seeing if their prediction is correct. They'll remind students of the importance of having strong reactions while reading and talking about those reactions as a way to dig deeper into the story.	be addressed: RI 2.1 RI 2.2 RI 2.3 RI 2.5 SL 2.1 SL 2.2 SL 2.3 SL 2.6
Bend II: Studying Characters Closely	Across this bend, teachers will help students to study the characters in their texts. Teachers will zoom in especially on studying character feelings, thinking about the ways characters might feel more than one way, and the reasons for characters' feelings, and how their feelings change. They'll also support students' growing vocabularies. They'll use word thermometers to support students in thinking about words that describe how characters are feeling and acting. Teachers will channel students to think about the intensity of a character's feelings as a way to select precise words, and they'll help them learn new vocabulary as they do so. The bend ends with a celebratory session that invites students to share favorite books and characters with one another, and sets the class up to begin book clubs in Bend III.	
Bend III: Fiction Book Clubs— Reading Together, Imagining Together	Across this bend, teachers will help students to read, think, prepare, and talk when they are reading their books. They'll then read independently and, at the end of the workshop, gather to talk. The unit ends with a celebration that invites students to reflect on their reading lives and the books that have mattered to them, and ultimately, a whole-group discussion about why reading matters.	

Unit	Suggested Ke	ey Texts for Read Aloud and Minilessons:		
Resources	Drage	ons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott (chapter book) for Bends I	and II	
	• Paper	r Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong by Julie Leung		
Lesson	Lesson 1: Rea	ading Can Take You Places		
Topics	Lesson 2: Rea	aders Enter the World of a Story		
across	Lesson 3: Bri	nging Characters to Life		
the Unit	Lesson 4: Ma	king Predictions		
	Lesson 5: Pic	turing the Place		
	Lesson 6: Rea	aders React to Stories		
	Lesson 7: Cre	eating a Reading Scrapbook		
	Lesson 8: Not	ticing Clues about Character Feelings		
	Lesson 9: Cha	aracters Feel More Than One Thing		
	Lesson 10: Fi	nding Precise Words for Feelings		
	Lesson 11: Ex	amining What Causes Character Feelings		
	Lesson 12: Th	ninking about How Characters Are Acting		
	Lesson 13: Cł	naracters' Feelings Change		
	Lesson 14: Re	eaders Share Books and Characters with One Another		
	Lesson 15: Re	eading in the Company of Others		
		alking about Our Books		
		eaders Think and Talk as They Compare Themselves to	Characters	
	Lesson 18: Bo	ooks Can Teach about Life Topics		
Unit 5:	Growing	Knowledge Together		
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		learn information from nonfiction texts		
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Learning	and le Bend I: Partners Talk to	Across this bend, teachers will help students to talk about texts with each other in ways that help them learn more and come to new ideas by focusing in	Priority Standards	
Learning	and le Bend I: Partners Talk to Grow	Across this bend, teachers will help students to talk about texts with each other in ways that help them learn more and come to new ideas by focusing in on a passage or an idea and to talk as long as they		

	thinking deeply about a photograph and an	be
	artifact. They'll coach partners to truly listen and respond to each other, helping them to "listen	addressed:
	long," just as they "talk long," and to talk back to	RI 2.1
	what their partner says so that the conversation	RI 2.2
	proceeds like a ping-pong game. Lastly, teachers	RI 2.3
	will help children know that when they find	RI 2.5
	themselves having trouble in a conversation, it can	RI 2.6
	help to use text evidence, referring to and even	RI 2.7
	rereading parts of texts.	RI 2.9
		SL 2.1
Bend II:	Across this bend, teachers will help students to	SL 2.2
Clubs	plan how they'll read, think, and learn with one	SL 2.3
Collaborate with Text Sets	another. They'll also help students take listening to a new level, bringing all they know about their club members to their reading, reading with those friends in mind, marking spots in texts, and jotting notes that they want to share with others. Children will listen to their own as well as each other's ideas, rereading their jotted notes and their highlighted passages to think, "What are the bigger ideas this is sparking?" Throughout all of this, teachers will also be helping children draw on what they know about nonfiction reading, and, of course, vocabulary is a big part of that. Teachers will encourage kids to use the vocabulary they are learning as they talk with each other. As the bend begins to come to a close, they'll teach children that it's always important to pause and think about why a topic matters.	SL 2.6
Bend III: Readers Learn More about Interests	Across this bend, teachers will help students to replicate the work of Bend 2, this time with more independence and autonomy. Teachers will support students as they make plans about what they want to learn and how they'll read across their new text set. They'll help students transfer all they've learned to their new club and new topic, reminding them that they can turn anchor charts into a to-do list of sorts. Teachers will challenge students to push themselves to reread and to think more deeply. Just as writers revise their writing, readers revise their thinking. Readers learn more about a topic, and consequently, they	

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