

Benchmark Advance creates readers who effectively make meaning, build knowledge, express understanding, and gain a solid foundation of literacy.

Unit 1 - Being a Good Community Member

- Why do people get involved in their communities?
- reading informational texts: main ideas and details, cause-effect, ask and answer questions

Unit 2 - Many Kinds of Characters

- How do we learn about characters?
- Reading narratives/stories: narrative elements (setting, characters, wish/conflict, solution), character traits, sequencing, describing events and settings

Unit 3 - Plants and Animals Grow and Change: Why do living things change?

- In this unit, students read and compare selections about animals and plants to understand how living thing grow and change
- Reading Informational Text: Text Features: table of contents, index, glossary, diagrams, labeling, flow charts, photographs, inset photos, and captions

Unit 4 - How do people create stories?

- In this unit, students read and compare selections with different types of characters and settings to understand how authors create stories.

Unit 5 - How can technology make a difference in our lives?

- In this unit, students read and compare selections about inventors and their inventions to understand how technology is made and works.

Unit 6 - What can we learn from a mistake?

- In this unit, students read and compare selections about characters that make poor decisions to understand how we can learn from our mistakes.

Unit 7 - Why is the past important?

- In this unit, students read and compare selections about historical events and people in order to understand how the past affects the present and future.

Unit 8 -Why do the sun and moon capture our imagination?

- In this unit, students read and compare both informational and literature selections about the sky.

Unit 9- Why do people trade with each other?

- In this unit students will read and compare selections that explore the role of commerce in communities.

Unit 10-How would our lives be different without sound and light?

- In this unit, students will read and compare selections about light and sound and analyze how these types of energy affect every day life.