

Quarterly Grade Level Major Themes & Essential Questions
Tucson Country Day School 2018-19



Grade: Preschool and Prekindergarten

	Quarter 1 8/6-10/5	Quarter 2 10/15-12/20	Quarter 3 1/7-3/15	Quarter 4 3/25-5/23
Theme	Character – Community	Exploration – Heritage	Adventure - Growth	Future - Change
Units	<p>Our School Community All About Me Classic Tales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lion and the Mouse • City Mouse and the Country Mouse <p>Important People in American History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosa Parks https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naE1Bytu2Q0&feature=share (connect to being respectful, community and skin colors) 	<p>Our Neighborhood Families Classic Tales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldilocks and the Three Bears • The Three Little Pigs <p>Important People in American History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Americans • Pilgrims/European Settlers 	<p>Animals Habitats Classic Tales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gingerbread Man • How the Turtle Cracked His Shell <p>Important People in American History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Jr. • Abraham Lincoln • George Washington 	<p>Plants Classic Tales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Little Red Hen • Thumbelina • Why Flies Buzz <p>Important People in American History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnny Appleseed • Sally Ride
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is school? 2. What is a habit? 3. What does it mean to behave respectfully? 4. How can you tell if a 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What makes a good friend? A family? 2. How are uppercase letters different from lower case letters? 3. Why do I learn my 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where do animals make their homes? 2. What is a habitat? 3. Why do animals need to hide? 4. What do you know 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should I learn to read? 2. How are words made? 3. How do we rhyme words?

	<p>story is something that could really happen?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What makes a community? 6. How can I learn more about myself and others? 7. What are our bodies' 3 basic needs? 8. How can we tell if a group has more or less than another? 	<p>letter names and sounds?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Why is it important for me to socialize with my peers? 5. What do authors and illustrators do? 6. Why is it important to read a story in order? 7. How are neighborhoods today different from long ago? 8. What are shapes we see in our environment? 9. If you could make up a new shape what would it look like? What would you call it? 	<p>about reading?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What makes a great story? 6. Why is it important to listen to others when they are talking? 7. How do stories remind you of yourself or others? 8. How do we count to find how much something weighs? How do we count to find how long something is? 9. Why is rain important? How does it help us? 10. How does a garden grow? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Why are maps and globes important? 5. How does counting objects in a group tell us how many there are? 6. How does a clock help us? 7. How does counting objects in a group tell us how many there are? 8. Where do artists get their ideas?
<p>Project/ Assessment Ideas</p>	<p>To be determined based on student interest in each classroom.</p>	<p>To be determined based on student interest in each classroom.</p>	<p>To be determined based on student interest in each classroom.</p>	<p>To be determined based on student interest in each classroom.</p>