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Date Semester	IL Learning Standards	Unit and/or Essential Question Content and/or Skills	Assessments and/or Products
August-September	1.5.14 1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 1.5.03 1.5.10 2.5.02 2.5.03 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.06 2.5.14 3.5.01 3.5.08 3.5.09 3.5.10	Unit 1: Theme: Challenges Week 1: “Miss Alaineus” Theme: School Contests Genre: Realistic Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Context Clues/Synonyms • Spelling: short vowels a,e,l,o,u • Comprehension Analyze Story Structure: Character, Plot, Setting • Writing: Personal Narrative (Contests) • Grammar: Sentence Types Sentence Fragments Capital letter/Punctuation Mark Statements, questions, command, exclamation • Informational Text: Social Studies Photographs and Captions 	Practice Book pages 1-7 Spelling Book pages 1-6 Grammar Book pages 1-6 Narrative Essay ISAT Practice Tests
September	1.5.10 1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27	Week 2: David Crockett Saves the World Theme: American Legends Genre: Tall Tales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Word Parts/Compound Words 	Practice Book p. 8-14 Spelling Book p. 7-12 Grammar Book p. 7-12 Personal Narrative

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	2.5.02 2.5.03 2.5.06 3.5.08 23.5.04 3.5.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling: Long vowels a,e,l,o,u • Comprehension Analyze Story Structure: Plot and Setting Review Character • Writing: Personal Narrative “Becoming a Hero” • Grammar: Subjects and Predicates Use Commas in a Series • Informational Text: Social Studies Toolbar and Links 	ISAT Practice Tests
September	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.06 1.5.13 3.5.08 3.5.03	Week 3: Forests of the World Theme: Trees for Life Genre: Nonfiction Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Use a Dictionary/Homographs • Spelling: Decode words with “u” sound • Comprehension Text Structure: Compare/Contrast with Venn Diagrams Research and Study Skills: Using the Library and Media Center • Writing: Ways to deal with forest fires • Grammar: Sentence Combining Punctuate Compound Sentences 	Practice Book p. 15-21 Spelling Book p. 13-18 Grammar Book p. 13-18 Writing sample ISAT Practice Tests

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October	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.03 1.5.15 1.5.24 1.5.09 3.5.08 3.5.01	Week 5: Pipiolo and the Roof Dogs Theme: Rescue Dogs Genre: Fantasy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary Use a Thesaurus/Synonyms • Spelling: Decode words with r-controlled vowels • Comprehension Generate Questions: Cause and Effect, Plot • Writing: Personal Narrative Write about an experience with an animal • Grammar: Run On Sentences Correcting fragments 	Practice Book p. 29-35 Spelling Book p. 25-30 Grammar Book p. 25-30 ISAT Practice Tests

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October	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.05 1.5.19 1.5.17	Week 3: Maya Lin: Architect of Memory Theme: Remembering the Past Genre: Nonfiction Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Vocabulary: Context Clues • Spelling: Inflected Endings • Comprehension Summarize Main Idea and Details • Grammar More Plural Nouns 	Practice Book p. 52-58 Spelling Book p. 45-50 Grammar Book p. 45-50 ISAT Practice Tests

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November	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.04 1.5.06 2.5.13	Week 5: Black Cowboy, Wild Horses Theme: Cowboys and Cowgirls Genre: Biography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Analogies/Antonyms • Spelling: VCCV Pattern • Comprehension Monitor Comprehension Make Inferences Recognizing Problem and Solution 	Practice Book p. 66-72 Spelling Book p. 57-62 Grammar Book p. 57-62 Review ISAT Practice Tests

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December	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.01 1.5.23 1.5.17 3.5.02	Week 3: Time for Kids: Beyond the Horizon Theme: Protecting the Environment Genre: Nonfiction Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Prefixes • Spelling: VCCCV Pattern • Comprehension Evaluate Fact and Opinion Main Idea • Writing: Expository 	Practice Book p. 89-95 Spelling Book p. 77-82 Grammar Book p. 77-82 Expository Essay ISAT Practice Tests

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January	3.5.14-28 1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.16 1.5.13 1.5.22 1.5.09 1.5.24 3.5.08 3.5.02 3.5.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar: Main and Helping Verbs and Contractions Week 4: My Great Grandmother’s Gourd Theme: Desert Habitats Genre: Realistic Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Denotation and Connotation/Thesaurus • Spelling: Accented Syllables • Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Inferences and Analogies Compare and Contrast: Venn Diagrams Draw Conclusions • Writing: Dialogue • Grammar: Linking Verbs/Use Quotation Marks in dialogue • Informational Text: Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process Diagrams 	Practice Book p. 96-102 Spelling Book p. 83-88 Grammar Book p. 83-88 ISAT Practice Tests

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January	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.06 1.5.24 2.5.01 2.5.08	Unit 4: Experiences Week 1: Goin’ Someplace Special Theme: Civil Rights Genre: Historical Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Homophones • Spelling: Final Unaccented Syllables • Comprehension Analyze Story Structure Character and Setting Draw Conclusions • Writing: News Article 	Practice Book p. 112-118 Spelling Book p. 97-102 Grammar Book p. 97-102 News article ISAT Practice Tests

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February	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.05 1.5.28 2.5.13 3.5.08 3.5.14-28	Week 4: Hurricanes Theme: Extreme Weather Genre: Informational Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Dictionary-Multiple Meaning Words • Spelling: words with /cher/ and /zher/ • Comprehension Analyze Test Structure Description Author's Purpose • Poetry: Free Verse Poems-Personification, Imagery, Onomatopoeia • Writing: Magazine Article • Grammar Possessive Pronouns/Use Hyphens 	Practice Book p. 133-139 Spelling Book p. 115-120 Grammar Book p. 115-120 ISAT Practice Tests Expository

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March	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.01 1.5.08	Unit 5: Achievements Week 1: Spirit of Endurance Theme: North Pole, South Pole Genre: Expository Nonfiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Base and Root Words/Words with Affixes • Spelling: Soft g • Comprehension: Generate Questions 	Practice Book p. 149-155 Spelling Book p. 129-134 Grammar Book p. 129-134 ISAT Practice Tests Speech

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	3.5.08 3.5.06 3.5.09	Problem and Solution Evaluate Author's Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing: Introduction Speech • Grammar: Adjectives and Demonstrative Adjectives Capitalize Proper Adjectives • Informational Text: Social Studies Nonfiction Article: Primary Sources-Journals and Letters 	
March/April	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.06 1.5.01 1.5.28	Week 2: Weslandia Theme: Fantastic Foods Genre: Fantasy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Dictionary-Word Origin • Spelling: Homophones • Comprehension: Make Inferences and Analyze Theme Author's Purpose • Writing: Scene from a Play • Grammar: Articles/Use a Colon • Informational Text: Science Online Encyclopedia Entries: Hyperlink and Key Word 	Practice Book p. 156-162 Spelling Book p. 135-140 Grammar Book p. 135-140 ISAT Practice Tests

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April	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.01 1.5.02 1.5.27 1.5.28 3.5.14-28	Week 4: The Unbreakable Code Theme: Talking in Codes Genre: Historical Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Context Clues • Spelling: Suffixes “less” “ness” • Comprehension Evaluate Author’s Perspective Theme • Writing: Compare and Contrast Essay • Poetry: Cinquain-Consonance and Symbolism • Grammar: Comparing with Most and More 	Practice Book p. 170-176 Spelling Book p. 147-152 Grammar Book p. 147-152 Cinquain Poem Compare/Contrast Essay

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April/May	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.06 1.5.20 2.5.01 2.5.02 1.5.13	Unit 6 Great Ideas Week 1: The Golden Mare, the Firebird, and the Magic Ring Theme: Fairy Tales Genre: Fairy Tales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Homophones/Use a Dictionary • Spelling: Greek Roots • Comprehension Summarize Sequence of Events-Important Plot Details Character, Setting, Plot • Writing: Eyewitness Account-Voice • Grammar: Adverbs/Mechanics and Usage-Use Good and Well 	Practice Book p. 186-192 Spelling Book p. 161-166 Grammar Book p. 161-166 ISAT Practice Test

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May	2.5.15 3.5.06 3.5.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational Text: Social Studies Informational Nonfiction: Venn Diagrams 	
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May	1.5.16 1.5.22 1.5.27 2.5.04 2.5.05 2.5.14 1.5.01 1.5.20 2.5.12 3.5.11 3.5.14-28	Week 4: Up In the Air: The Story of Balloon Flight Theme: Balloon Flight Genre: Nonfiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Vocabulary: Word Parts/Greek Roots • Spelling: Number prefixes • Comprehension Monitor Comprehension Make Generalizations Sequence of Events • Poetry: Haiku-Similie/Metaphors • Writing: Explain How Something Works • Grammar: Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases 	Practice Book p. 207-213 Spelling Book p. 179-184 Grammar Book p. 179-184 ISAT Practice Tests Haiku Poem

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