Theme 1 – Silly Stories

Key vocabulary: Dragon Gets By

balanced: even; not too much of one thing

dairy: foods made from milk or cream

diet: the usual food and drink of a person

hungry: wanting food

shopper: a person who buys things

shopping: going to a store to buy things

<u>vegetables</u>: roots, leaves, stems, flowers of plants used as food

Other Vocabulary Words: Dragon Gets By

steep: rising or falling sharply

doughnuts: small ring-shaped cakes

<u>catsup</u>: a thick, red, spicy sauce made from tomatoes; ketchup

rinds: the chewy or crunchy outside later on fruit, cheese, or meat

downed: eaten and swallowed quickly

excitement: great activity; confusion; commotion

<u>layer</u>: a thin covering, or one thickness in a stack of coverings

rim: the edge of something

secure: fasten or attach

<u>surface</u>: the outside or top part of something

gravity: a force that holds things on the ground and makes things fall towards the ground

Key vocabulary: Julius

crumbs: tiny pieces of bread, cake, crackers, or cookies

imitation: a way of copying something else.

noise: any kind of sound

slurped: ate or drank in a noisy way

spread: to push and move apart

Other Vocabulary Words: Julius

records: discs on which music or other sounds have been recorded to be played

felt: a kind of fabric

<u>straw</u>: dried parts of some plants

protect: to keep safe

polite: showing good manners

etiquette: a set of rules for correct behavior

tone: a sound
proper: correct

Key vocabulary: Mrs. Brown Went to Town

commotion: noisy excitement

<u>delivered</u>: handed over to someone

feathers: light and soft parts of a bird

released: set free

<u>tired</u>: to lose strength and energy

wearing: having something on the body

Other Vocabulary Words: Mrs. Brown Went to Town

yak: a type of ox that has very long hair

terrier: a type of small dog

x-rayed: had pictures made of the inside of the body

voted: decided by agreement

chimes: the music from a set of bells

pantry: small room where food is kept

prepared: put together or made

makeup: lipstick, powder, or other materials that change one's appearance

cozy: providing warmth and comfort

pajamas: clothes people wear when they sleep

hobbled: walked with a limp

<u>crammed</u>: stuffed or packed tightly

twice: two times

oodles: a large amount

cruise: a pleasure trip on a ship

Theme 2 – Nature Walk

Key vocabulary: Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night

backpack: bag worn on the back to carry things

campfire: outdoor fire for heat or cooking

camping: living outside, often in a tent

hike: (noun) a long walk for pleasure or exercise; (verb) to take a long walk

<u>lanterns</u>: a light, often with clear sides, that can be carried around; containers for holding a

light

tent: place to sleep when camping

Other Vocabulary Words: Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night

<u>guitar</u>: musical instrument with strings, played by plucking or strumming the strings

shivered: shook

drooled: let saliva drip from the mouth

climbed: used the hands or feet to move up or down, usually a steep place in a hill

doe: a female deer

<u>fawn</u>: a very young deer

rainbow: an arc of colored light seen in the sky

tender: gentle and loving

groaned: made a deep moaning sound

sappy: silly or foolish (slang)

snuggled: were cozy or close

message: a group of words sent from one person to another

repeats: does or says again

<u>ordinary</u>: something that is usual or normal

Key vocabulary: Exploring Parks with Ranger Dockett

exploring: studying or looking into

habitat: the place where a plant or animal normally lives or grows

protect: to keep from harm, attack, or injury

ranger: a person who takes care of a forest or park

tours: short trips for seeing someplace

urban: having to do with or located in a city

Other Vocabulary Words: Exploring Parks with Ranger Dockett

tasks: pieces of work done as part of one's duties

statues: forms modeled or carved out of materials such as stone, clay, metal, wood or

plaster

wades: walks in or through water

oak: tree with notched leaves that bears acorns as fruit

branches: parts of a tree or plant that grow from the stem or trunk

clover: a plant with small, rounded flowers

meadow: an area of grassy ground

<u>Key vocabulary: Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?</u>

bank: the land around a body of water

<u>crater</u>: a bowl-shaped impression in a surface

edge: the line or place where something ends

moss: a type of green plant

<u>path</u>: a track or way made by footsteps

shallow: not deep

Other Vocabulary Words: Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?

containers: things like cans or jars that are used to hold or carry things

dangles: hangs loosely while swinging to and fro

<u>swamp</u> <u>azalea</u>: a flowering plant that grows near water

terrapin: a kind of turtle

scolds: fusses at

squishy: soft and wet like a sponge

mussel: a creature that lives in a shell and burrows in the sand or mud of lakes and streams

practice: to do something many times so that you can do it

active: moving around

stingers and biters: insects that might sting or bite

scent: a smell

adult: a grown-up

binoculars: a tool used for looking at something that is far away

Theme 3 – Around Town

Key vocabulary: Chinatown

apartment: a room or group of rooms to live in

<u>delivery</u>: adj., used to carry or take something to a place or to a person

handcarts: small wagons, usually with two wheels, that are pulled or pushed by hand

<u>restaurant</u>: a place where people go to eat meals

market: a place or a store where food and other goods are sold

<u>celebrations</u>: activities carried out to honor a special day or a special event

Other Vocabulary Words: Chinatown

tai chi: an ancient kind of exercise

graceful: smooth or beautiful in motion

cobbler: a person whose work is repairing or making shoes

arrive: to come to a place

handcarts: small wagons, usually with two wheels, that are pulled or pushed by hand

favorite: one that is liked best

medicinal: used to cure pain or illness

herbal: made of herbs

musty: damp or moldy

herbs: plants valued for their use in medicine or cooking

seafood: fish or shellfish from the sea used for food

sizzles: makes hissing sounds

<u>crackle</u>: make cracking, snapping sounds

woks: metal pans with rounded bottoms used for frying and steaming

clang: make a metallic ringing sound

barely: only just

furious: very angry

kung fu: a Chinese system of self-defense, similar to karate

develop: to help in the growth of, make stronger

puzzle: a toy or game that presents a task or problem to be solved

Key vocabulary: A Trip to the Firehouse

chief: a leader of a group

dispatch: to send a message; the act of sending messages / a message sent with speed

emergencies: things that happen without warning and require a quick response

<u>fire</u> <u>engine</u>: a truck used to help put out fires

<u>firefighters</u>: people who work at putting out fires

gear: equipment used to do certain things

Other Vocabulary Words: A Trip to the Firehouse

examine: to look over carefully

valves: parts that control the flow of a liquid

<u>detector</u>: a device that detects, or picks up, a signal

smother: to put out

drill: a practice exercise

secondary: alternate, extra

route: a path or trail

designated: marked or agreed upon

Key vocabulary: Big Bushy Mustache

bushy: fluffy or thick like a bush

costume: a set of special clothes

disguise: a costume or make-up someone wears so no one will know who it really is

handsome: good-looking

mirror: a piece of glass you can see yourself in

mustache: thick hair that grows above a man's lip

Other Vocabulary Words: Big Bushy Mustache

sarape: a colorful blanket people in Mexico sometimes wear over their shoulders

sword: a long knife often used by soldiers in battle

soldiers: people who are in the army; people trained to fight to protect their country

tough: strong; does not scare or give up easily

grown-up: someone who has grown to be a man or a woman

<u>kindergartner</u>: a child who is in the grade before first grade

hola: Spanish word for hello

disappeared: passé d from view

bigote: Spanish word for mustache

apron: something that covers the front of your clothes to keep them from getting dirty

<u>retraced</u>: went back over carefully

discovered: when something is found

mirror: a piece of glass you can see yourself in

polish: a cream or liquid that is used to clean or shine something

smeared: spread something that left a stain or mark

creation: something you imagine and then make

solve: to figure out what to do to fix a problem or make it right

cereal: breakfast food made from corn, wheat, or rice

buenos días: Spanish words for good morning

fist: a hand that is closed tight

gracias: Spanish word for thank you

grinned: gave a big smile

<u>crust</u>: the hard outer layer of bread

silence: complete quiet

cousins: a child of one's aunt or uncle

Key vocabulary: Jamaica Louise James

booth: a small room or compartment, usually with an opening

plaque: a flat plate or slab with words and decorations that is displayed on a wall

<u>station</u>: a stopping place; a subway station is where the subway stops

subway: an underground train

token: a piece of metal, like a coin, used to get into a certain place

Other Vocabulary Words: Jamaica Louise James

mayor: the man or woman in charge of a city

worry: to feel that something bad may happen

halfway: a point exactly between two other points

<u>tile</u>: a smooth material that is cut into pieces and used to cover the surfaces of walls and

floors

blending: mixing together

collection: a group of things that are alike in some way

swoosh: move quickly

recipe: instructions that tell how to make something

ingredients: parts of a mixture

spatula: a tool used to turn things over

Theme 4 – Amazing Animals

Key vocabulary: Officer Buckle and Gloria

accident: something you did not want or expect to happen

attention: looking and listening with care

audience: a group that listens or watches

commands: orders given to someone

officer: a person who helps enforce the law

safety: having to do with freedom from danger

Other Vocabulary Words: Officer Buckle and Gloria

swivel chair: a type of chair that rotates

banner: a strip of cloth or paper with writing or a picture on it

obeys: follows a rule, law, or command

stared: looked long and hard at something

<u>attention</u>: looking and listening with care

discovered: found out, saw, or learned about

expression: a way of speaking that shows feeling

enormous: unusually large; huge

imagination: the ability to make up stories that are not real

<u>television news team</u>: a reporter, camera operator, and others who gather, record, and

report news for television

auditorium: a public building where an audience sits

electrical: having to do with electricity

applauded: showed approval by clapping the hands

<u>puddle</u>: a small amount of water collected in one place

ocean: the great mass of salt water that covers most of the earth's surface

<u>state</u>: one of the political and geographic sections of countries such as the United States

and Mexico

Key vocabulary: Ant

antennae: a pair of long, thin feelers on the head of an insect

cocoons: coverings of silky thread that larvae live in as they change and grow

colonies: groups of insects of the same kind that live together

fungus: one of a large group of plants, such as mushrooms and mold, that do not have

leaves or flowers

larvae: the worm-like forms of very young ants or other insects

tunnels: long holes under the ground

Other Vocabulary Words: Ant

nearby: a short distance away

<u>stalks</u>: the main stems of plants

carpenter: a person who builds things from wood

sawdust: the dust-like material that falls from wood when it is sawed or chewed

log: a long piece of tree that has been cut

larvae: the worm-like forms of very young ants or other insects

cocoons: coverings of silky thread that larvae live in as they change and grow

parasol: an umbrella used for protection from the sun

weaver: a person or insect that laces together strings or fibers to create things such as cloth,

webs, or cocoons

<u>fastening</u>: attaching or joining together

stiff: not easily bent

herd: a group of animals

aphids: tiny insects that suck juices from plants

tending: caring for

tropical: having to do with the tropics, or the areas around the equator

munching: chewing noisily

teamwork: working together as a team to do something

experts: people (or ants) who know a lot about a certain thing

<u>lyrics</u>: the words sung with a song

verse: one section of a song's lyrics

chorus: the part of a song that is sung after each verse

Key vocabulary: The Great Ball Game

accept: to agree to

advantage: something that gives a benefit; something helpful

argument: a disagreement

guarded: protected; took care of

penalty: a punishment for breaking rules

quarrel: a disagreement

Other Vocabulary Words: The Great Ball Game

jeered: made fun of

<u>pity</u>: feeling for the troubles of another

advantage: something that gives an edge; something helpful

horizon: the point where earth or water seems to meet the sky

dim: not bright; only a little light

obsession: a strong focus on one idea

<u>curator</u>: a person in charge of exhibits at a museum or zoo

conservation: protection of natural resources

<u>fossils</u>: remains or prints of an animal or plant from long ago

Theme 5 – Family Time

Key vocabulary: Brothers and Sisters

newborn: just born; only a few days or weeks old

<u>distract</u>: to draw a person's attention away from something

twins: two children born at the same time to the same parents

pest: someone who is a bother or who causes trouble

teenage: between the ages of twelve and twenty

Other Vocabulary Words: Brothers and Sisters

enemies: people who do not like each other; not friends

teenage: between the ages of twelve and twenty

great-aunt: your grandmother or grandfather's sister

<u>trespass</u>: go onto someone's property without permission

Key vocabulary: Jalapeño Bagels

bakery: a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

culture: a group of people who share traditions and customs

customers: people who buy things at a store

dough: a soft, think mixture that is shaped and baked

ingredients: parts of a mixture

recipe: a set of directions for cooking

Other Vocabulary Words: Jalapeño Bagels

international: relating to two or more nations

knead: to shape dough by pressing, folding, and stretching it with the hands

flaky: light; easily separated

golden: brown; the color of baked goods after they are cooked

dessert: a sweet treat that is eaten after a meal

batch: a group of baked goods that are cooked at one time

Yiddish: a language spoken by some eastern European Jews and in areas to which eastern

European Jews have migrated

practice: to learn a skill by doing it many times

slotted spoon: a spoon with holes that allows juices to drain out

salmon: a type of fish

<u>pumpernickel</u>: a type of bread

<u>crinkle</u>: to form into wrinkles or ripples

mixture: something made from different parts that have been blended together

<u>cream</u>: to blend together

margarine: a type of food that is eaten in place of butter

yeast: a product that causes backed goods to rise

overlapping: placing the edges of two objects so that one is slightly on top of the other

joint: the point where two objects are joined

secure: not likely to come apart

<u>kitchen equipment</u>: the tools used for cooking

blade: the sharp, cutting part of a tool

<u>cutting board</u>: a hard surface on which food is cut

<u>utensil</u>: an instrument or tool used for a specific purpose, especially in the kitchen

Key vocabulary: Carousel

angry: to feel very upset about something

<u>fussed</u>: talked in an unhappy way; complained

groaned: made a deep moaning sound

grumbled: talked in an angry way about something that is not pleasing

grumpily: in a grouchy way

promised: said he or she would do something

Other Vocabulary Words: Carousel

pearly: like a pearl, especially in having a shiny surface

definitely: without a doubt; surely

sighed: let out a long, loud breath, usually as a sign of being tired

<u>frills:</u> something added mostly for decoration

mumbled: spoke so that the words were not clear

frothy: made of light, thin material

tutu: a short skirt worn by a ballerina

scurried: moved fast

sharply: in an angry way

<u>hissed</u>: made a long s sound to show dislike

<u>delicate</u>: easily broken or harmed

<u>twisted</u>: turned something around and around

wobbly: moving from side to side in a shaky manner

<u>deserted</u>: left alone by itself

<u>stretching</u>: changing shape by growing larger or longer

tiptoed: walked on the ends of the toes

mane: long heavy hair growing from the neck or shoulders of an animal

<u>trot</u>: to run at a medium-fast pace

designed: thought up and planned

wizard: a magician; a skilled or clever person

officials: persons with powers to carry out certain duties

<u>Key vocabulary: Thunder Cake</u>

bolt: a flash or stroke

horizon: the line where the sky and the earth seem to meet

<u>lightning</u>: a flash of light in the sky

rumbled: made a deep, rolling sound

thunder: the rumbling sound that follows lightning

weather: what it is like outside

Other Vocabulary Words: Thunder Cake

damp: a little wet

clap: a loud, sudden sound

cooed: talked softly and fondly

<u>stammered</u>: talked with difficulty

crowed: talked happily

creased: marked with a fold

penned: wrote

ingredients: things that go into a mixture

scurried: moved in a hurry

gather: bring together

peck: to hit with a beak

<u>croaked</u>: spoke in a rough, hoarse way

slit: to cut through

jagged: having sharp points sticking out

<u>crept</u>: moved slowly

bellowed: made a deep, roaring sound

churned: beat milk in a special container to make butter

batter: a mixture of wet and dry ingredients

faded: lost its brightness

glistening: shining

samovar: a metal urn with a faucet at the base, used to boil water for tea

icicles: hanging, pointed pieces of ice

exception: something that is left out, not included

blizzards: very windy snow storms

roots: the part of a plant that grows down into the soil and takes in water and food

circular: shaped like or nearly like a circle

Theme 6 - Talent Show

Key vocabulary: The Art Lesson

<u>crayons</u>: pieces of colored wax used to draw

chalk: a tool for drawing and writing that is made mostly from tiny bits of seashells

powders: a lot of very tiny pieces of something

copy: to make a thing like another

smock: a kind of shirt that is worn over clothes to protect them

ruin: to hurt or spoil

practice: to do something many times so that you can do it well

Other Vocabulary Words: The Art Lesson

barber: a person who gives haircuts

powders: a lot of very tiny pieces of something

smock: a kind of shirt that is worn over clothes to protect them

violet: a purple color

turquoise: a greenish blue color

copper: a reddish brown color

property: something that belongs to someone

monitor: a person who has a special duty to do

ruin: to hurt or spoil

notice: to see or hear something

painting: a picture or design made with paint

members: the people who belong to a group or organization

museum: a building in which important artistic, historical, or scientific objects are collected

<u>culture</u>: ways of doing things that are important to the life of a group of people

Key vocabulary: Moses Goes to a Concert

deaf: not able to hear

<u>vibration</u>: a quick moving back and forth

signs: uses Sign Language to talk to and understand others

percussion: the hitting or striking of an instrument to make music

instruments: things that make music

hearing: the ability to hear

Other Vocabulary Words: Moses Goes to a Concert

concert: a musical show or performance

orchestra: a large group of people who play instruments together; musicians who play

together on various instruments

recovered: got better after an illness

<u>lawyer</u>: person who makes a living giving advice about the law and presenting cases in

court

<u>electrician</u>: person who makes a living putting wires for electricity in homes and buildings or

fixing things that run on electricity

entertainment: something, such as a show, that people like to watch or listen to

Key vocabulary: The School Mural

event: something that takes place; an occurrence

mural: a very large painting; a painting on a wall

pride: the feeling that comes when one is proud of something

project: a large assignment that usually takes more than one day to complete

scene: something that can be seen; picture or view

sketches: drawings that are completed quickly and with few details

Other Vocabulary Words: The School Mural

banner: a long piece of cloth or paper, usually with words and/or pictures

bookmark: an object placed between the pages of a book to indicate where a reader stopped reading or to mark a favorite part

local: having to do with a small area such as a town or neighborhood

splattered: splashed

reporter: a person who gathers news and writes for a newspaper

article: what a reporter writes in the newspaper

pride: the feeling that comes when one is proud of something

hobby: something that people like to do in their free time, such as drawing, reading, or

playing music

measure: find the size of something, such as its length or height

ceiling: the upper, inside surface of a room

complains: whines