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Focused Learning
Lessons

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Focused-Learning Lessons General Overview

Accountability. Grade-Level Expectations. Benchmarks. Standards. Testing.

The overarching intent of this guide is to present focused lessons based on the standards and needs of the students. Each of the lessons addresses specific standards, benchmarks, and grade-level expectations. The lessons utilize effective methods to target specific content.

These lessons are designed in the same format throughout the English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies guides in order to ensure clarity and ease of use by the teacher in the classroom. The steps are explicitly explained in the following order:

Assessment Component: standards and benchmarks addressed by that particular lesson are listed, followed by the focus of the lesson.

Translating Standards into Instruction: activities in the lesson are detailed with specific strategies for the teacher on how to assist students in developing a true understanding of the content targeted.

Sources of Evidence of Student Learning: methods are listed for gathering information that will measure students' progress toward achieving the goals of the lesson. Guidance for teachers in interpreting student work is included.

Attributes of Student Work at the “Got-It” Level: using sources of evidence of student learning, expectations of student performance for each source are given.

Gee 21 Connection: sample assessment items with the same focus are included.

Recommended Materials and References: materials needed to present the lesson are listed, websites are referenced, and sources used in lesson development are referenced.