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ELA/EFP	<p>Stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.</p> <p>People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives.</p> <p>Texts are socially, culturally, and historically constructed.</p> <p>Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens.</p> <p>Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and the world around us.</p> <p>Language can shape ideas and influence others.</p>
SS	<p>Contacts and conflicts between peoples stimulated significant cultural, social, political change.</p> <p>Human and environmental factors shape changes in population and living standards.</p> <p>Exploration, expansion, and colonization had varying consequences for different groups.</p> <p>Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to preserve established traditions.</p>
Science	The theory of plate tectonics is the unifying theory that explains Earth's geological processes.
PE and Health	<p>Healthy relationships can help us lead rewarding and fulfilling lives.</p> <p>Healthy choices influence our physical, emotional, and mental well-being.</p> <p>Advocating for the health and well-being of others connects us to our community</p>
Careers	<p>The value of work in our lives, communities, and society can be viewed from diverse perspectives.</p> <p>Achieving our learning goals requires effort and perseverance.</p> <p>Our career paths reflect the personal, community, and educational choices we make.</p>
Art	<p>Creative growth requires patience, readiness to take risks, and willingness to try new approaches.</p> <p>Individual and collective expression can be achieved through the arts.</p> <p>Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating.</p> <p>Artists often challenge the status quo and open us to new perspectives and experiences.</p>
ADST	<p>Design can be responsive to identified needs.</p> <p>Complex tasks require the acquisition of additional skills.</p> <p>Complex tasks may require multiple tools and technologies.</p>