

# Grade K Curriculum Map

## Knowledge 7: All Around the World: Geography

### Unit Summary

This domain introduces students to the study of geography, helping them gain a better understanding of the world beyond the place they call home. Students learn about globes and maps, what they represent, and how to use these tools to answer questions such as where students are located, where other places are located, and how near or far these places are from students' own location on Earth.

Students identify and locate the continent they live on, as well as their country, state, and city or town. They also identify and locate the remaining six continents and five oceans on Earth, fostering a sense of curiosity about the world and its vastness. Students begin to think critically as they ask and answer questions about geographical knowledge and the characteristics of specific regions. Students learn that all people—both past and present—live differently in different geographical regions.

### Writing Focus

In this domain, students use details to describe key concepts in informational texts about geography, employing drawing and writing to identify important characteristics of various world locations and describe their proximity to where students live. They choose a location to illustrate on a postcard, write an informative description of their journey, and present their postcards to the class. Students combine and expand sentences in shared language activities related to the Read-Alouds.

Unit Length:

16 Days

**Anchor Text:** *All Around the World: Geography* (Read-Aloud)

**Text Type:** Informational

**Lexile:** 830L

### Overall Learning Outcomes

- Describe how people live based on their geographical location
- Identify regions on a U.S. map and describe their geographical features
- Identify the country, region, state, and city or town where students live on a U.S. map
- Locate and describe states, cities, and towns on a U.S. map
- Locate Earth's seven continents and five oceans on a world map, and describe geographical details of each
- Identify the relative distance of several geographical locations from where students live
- Describe a globe and explain its purpose
- Compare and contrast globes and maps
- Write an informative description of a place
- Domain Assessment

### Big Ideas

- Globes and maps are tools used to find locations and identify distances between locations.
- Earth has seven continents and five oceans, each with its own specific geographical details.
- Maps and globes can be used to identify a person's home continent, country, state, and city or town.
- All people, past and present, live differently in different geographical locations.

### Standards Instructed

### Standards Assessed in Formative Assessments

Reading	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language
RI.K.1 RI.K.2 RI.K.3 RI.K.7	W.K.2	SL.K.1 SL.K.2	L.K.4	RI.K.3	W.K.2 W.K.7	SL.K.2	