Grade: 2 Subject: Literacy	Unit 1: Being Me
Big Idea/Rationale	 In this theme, children learn how people discover new things about themselves through experiences and relationships. They find that the differences among people make each person special. Students will have opportunities for practice in reading using leveled texts and the Literacy Centers model Students will draft, revise, and edit writing using the Writing Process model, employing the 6 Traits of Effective Writing Students will be introduced to classroom procedures for Guided Reading, Literacy Centers, Writing Workshop, and Fundations lessons. In order to guide teachers in selecting literacy activities at an appropriate level, students will participate in various formative assessments.
Enduring Understandings	 Every human being has a unique identity that makes him or her special. We can learn about ourselves through our relationships and experiences. Reading is an active process; it is the key to knowledge and to understanding our world and ourselves. Reading is a lifetime skill that enhances learning and enjoyment. Reading comprehension is built on a solid foundation of word recognition, context, and sentence structure. Good readers select and utilize appropriate strategies to help them understand text Readers use language, structure, and context clues to identify the meaning of words in text. Good readers compare, infer, synthesize, and make connections to make text personally relevant and meaningful. Knowing the setting and the sequence of story events helps leads to improved comprehension. A reader can understand a character's feelings by examining the character's actions and relating them to his/her own experiences and feelings. Stories can be based in reality or fantasy. Authors use different strategies (use of reasons, text features, images, diagrams, etc.) to convey an overall topic. Question words (i.e., Who, What , Where, When, How) help identify key details in a text. Nonfiction how-to pieces can give information on how to do something; tell what materials are needed, gives steps in time order. Writing is a process, not a result. Writing is a way for people to communicate and express ideas. We are all writers. People write for different purposes and audiences. By using the rules of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, we become clear communicators.

Essential Questions	 How do our differences make us special? How do people grow and change from their experiences? How can reading help me learn more about the world and about myself? How can I tell a character's feelings from clues in a story? How can I tell if a story is real or make believe? Why is it important to know the setting and sequence of events in a story? What do readers do when they do not understand everything in a text? How can I tell what sound a vowel makes? How do I figure out a word I do not know? What are the most effective strategies a reader can use to decode and learn new words? How do readers construct meaning from text? What choices can a writer make to improve a piece? How can I get ideas for writing? What strategies can I apply to help me to spell words correctly?
Content (Subject Matter)	 Read a variety of genres (literature, informational texts, etc.) Begin to read with fluency and comprehension. Begin to identify story elements both written and orally. Become familiar with and begin to utilize new story and extended vocabulary. Begin to utilize the writing process and six traits (Ideas, Organization, conventions) to write descriptive, informative, and narrative sentences. Identify and write complete sentences. Model desired writing behaviors. Begin to develop a writing portfolio. Use journal writing for practice, critical thinking, skill development, and reflection. Increase phonological awareness and application of spelling conventions including: sounds for consonants and vowels, consonant digraphs, consonant blends and digraph blends, the spelling of /k/ sound, closed syllable type the end of a one-syllable word, if the word has one vowel, followed immediately by an f, l, or s at the end, that consonant is doubled. "glued" or welded sounds: all, am an, ang, ing, ong, ung, and, ink, onk, unk, sounds of selected vowel teams: ai-bait-/a/, ee-jeep-/e/, ey-key-/e/, ay-play-/a/, ea-eat-/e/. closed syllable exceptions can be used as "glued" or welded sounds: ild, ind, old, olt, and ost.
Standards	• RL.2.1. Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why,</i> and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

• RL.2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.
• RL 2:4. Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or
 song. RL.2.5. Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
 RL.2.6. Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
 RL.2.7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
 RL.2.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
• RI.2.1. Ask and answer such questions as <i>who, what, where, when, why</i> , and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
• RI.2.2. Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.
• RI.2.3. Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.
• RI.2.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.
• RI.2.5. Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.
• RI.2.6. Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.
• RI.2.7. Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.
• RI.2.8. Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.
• RF.2.3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
• Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.
 Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels. Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences.
 Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. RF.2.4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
 Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and

expression.
• Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and
understanding, rereading as necessary.
• W.2.2. Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding
statement or section.
• W.2.3. Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
 W.2.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic
and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
• W.2.6. With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.
• W.2.7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).
• W.2.8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from
provided sources to answer a question.
• SL.2.1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>grade 2 topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
 Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in
respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time
about the topics and texts under discussion).
• Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others.
• Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.
• SL.2.2. Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
• SL.2.3. Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to
clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen
understanding of a topic or issue.
• SL.2.4. Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and
relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences.
• SL.2.5. Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to
clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
 SL.2.6. Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in
order to provide requested detail or clarification.
• L.2.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English
grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
• Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound
sentences (e.g., <i>The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the</i>
movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).

 L.2.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. Use commas in greetings and closings of letters. Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., <i>cage</i> → <i>badge; boy</i> → <i>boil</i>). L.2.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. Compare formal and informal uses of English. L.2.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 2 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. L.2.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., <i>describe foods that are spicy or juicy</i>). Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., <i>toss, throw, hurl</i>) and closely related adjectives (e.g., <i>thin, slender, skinny, scrawny</i>). L.2.6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., <i>When other kids are happy that makes me happy</i>).
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