**I Am an American in Ashe County, North Carolina.**

**What does this mean for me?**

First Nine Weeks:

**How is America geophysically diverse?**

 Science: World Climate Biomes, Weather, Water Cycle, Recycling

 Social Studies: Geography/Map Concepts, European Exploration, Literature selections

 Health: Safety Rotations: laboratory, pathogens, cyber, gun, Cooperative Groups, Bullying

 Math: Intro Data, Numeration, Whole Number, Dec Operations, Topics 1-5 Metric benchmarks

 Literature: Elements of Fiction, The Cay, Night of the Twisters, Scholastic News

 Readers Workshop: see individual contracts, reinforce fictional elements, author’s craft

 Writing: Intro to expository graphic organizer

Second Nine Weeks:

**What are some of the hardships faced by Americans past and present?**

Science: Geography and Landforms

 Social Studies: Early US History, Wars/ Conflict, Veterans, Government, Literature selections

 Health: Puberty program, Nutrition textbook, labels activity, Emotions

 Math: Data graphing18, Algebra and coordinates 6, 15, 17, Concepts, Oper. of fractions 9,10

 **Metric conversions**

 Literature: Historical fiction: Sign of Beaver, Witch of Blackbird, Last Lobo, Scholastic News

 Readers Workshop: see individual contracts

 Writing: Continue graphic organizer, writing process

Third Nine Weeks:

**In what ways have Americans changed and expanded their environment?**

 Science: The Physics of Motion and Design, simple machines, F=MA

 Social Studies: Immigration/ Historic Americans/West movement, Literature selections

 Health: Substance Abuse speaker, Stress

 Math: Concepts and Operations of Fractions, decimal equivalents, **customary meas**.

 Literature: Biographies, Cause and Effect, immigrant series, Scholastic News

 Readers Workshop: see individual contracts

 Writing: mastery of graphic organizer, writing process, elaboration

Fourth Nine Weeks:

**How do Americans plan for the future?**

 Science: Ecosystems; World Biomes

 Social Studies: Pollution of Ecosystems, Economic Resources, Literature selections

 Health: Sun Safety speaker, fitness (Kevin)

 Math: Geometry 8,19 **Customary and Metric conversions w/ proportions** 14

 Literature: Poetry, Author Study Jean Craighead George, Nature’s Children, Scholastic News

 Readers Workshop: see individual contracts

Throughout the year: Sch. News, Week by Week and KSS, Super Stars, State Information, Fastt Math, Spelling