

## Kate Sessions Elementary School Planner Matrix (Updated Feb 2010)

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5	<b>Our Magnificent Machine</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> The body systems work together to maintain a healthy person	<b>So Where Do We Go From Here?</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> People move for a variety of reasons	<b>The Art Of Persuasion</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Humans use persuasion to impact others	<b>Investigation Matters</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Humans investigate the world of science (inquiry) by asking meaningful questions and conducting investigations to make sense of the world	<b>Because I Said So</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> People develop systems that dictate how they govern themselves	<b>What Goes Around, Comes Around</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Water affects life on Earth
4	<b>I Don't Buy It</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Informed consumers evaluate information	<b>Location, Location, Location</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Global exploration initiates change, cultural diversity, and causes varying perspectives	<b>Picture This</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Individuals contribute to and communicate the information of a society through different media	<b>Magnetism Rocks!</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> The world around us is influenced by Earth's physical processes and the application of science and technology	<b>All Work And No Play</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Economic changes affect who we are, where we live and how we are governed	<b>All For One And One For All</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> All living organisms are interdependent on their environment
3	<b>It's A Question Of Character</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Who I am is based on what happens to me and how I deal with it	<b>Making History</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Our lives are influence by people and events that came before us	<b>What's The Story?</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Authors use recurring plots to bring stories to life	<b>Now You See It, Now You Don't</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> Predictable patterns help us explore objects in the sky and their connection to our life on Earth	<b>Life, Liberty, And The Pursuit Of Happiness</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> People create government systems to help communities function	<b>It's A Risky Business</b>  <b>Central Idea:</b> People take risks to ensure equal opportunities

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2	<p><b>It's All About Me</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Our past makes us who we are</p>	<p><b>Farm To Table</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> The food we consume is influenced by various factors</p>	<p><b>Feel The Magic</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Throughout time people express ideas and feelings through fictional characters and poetry</p>	<p><b>What Comes Up Must Come Down</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> No matter where you are in the world, objects move for a variety of reasons</p>	<p><b>This Land Is Your Land</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Land has different forms and uses that affect people and environments</p>	<p><b>Who Makes A Difference?</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Heroes inspire us to be peaceful world citizens</p>
1	<p><b>Healthy Habits</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Choices and behaviors can affect well-being</p>	<p><b>Then And Now</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> The way people live and work around the world and how things change over time</p>	<p><b>Once Upon A Time</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Cultures around the world express themselves through traditions, celebrations, and stories</p>	<p><b>Weather Matters</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Changes in weather affect ourselves and the world</p>	<p><b>Get In The Game</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> People use rules to organize their communities</p>	<p><b>Bare Necessities</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Plants and animals share the environment</p>
K	<p><b>We Are Family</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Families have structures and responsibilities</p>	<p><b>Long Ago And Today</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> We learn about the past through historical figures, events, and places</p>	<p><b>Stories To Tell</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> Around the world people tell stories in many different ways</p>	<p><b>Nature's Gifts</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> We are surrounded by natural resources that make the world work</p>	<p><b>A Role For All Of Us</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> People have roles and responsibilities within a community</p>	<p><b>Living Things</b></p> <p><b>Central Idea:</b> All living things have unique characteristics that affect our world</p>