

OCR 2002/Into English Correlation
Grade Kinder/Level A

OCR 2002
School

Into English

Unit 3 Theme 1 - Our Class
Theme 2 – Our School
Unit 4 Theme 2 – Houses and Homes
Theme 3 – All in a Day

A key learning in the first unit of OCR is for students to learn about their new environment through comparisons between school and home. The stories *Boomer Goes to School* and *What Will Mommy Do When I'm at School?* let students compare the activities and routines, physical environment, and the people around them in these two settings. In Into English Unit 3 students are introduced to school by studying kindergarten basics, classroom activities, classroom materials, places at school, and school workers and jobs. In Theme 2 of Unit 4 students study homes, parts of a house, household items and furnishings, and household activities. Finally in Theme 3 (Unit 4) students put it all together by discussing and illustrating their daily routines and activities.

Shadows

Unit 8 Theme 2 – Terrific Trees

At the end of the unit students “should have come to a preliminary sense of what scientific inquiry involves and the close connections that exist among reading, discussion, writing, and the inquiry process,” through the study of the basic physical properties of shadows. Additionally, in the Sounds and Letters section students will create their second First-Step Story, “Trees.” The Into English theme “Terrific Trees” gives students the opportunity to use discussion and the inquiry process to learn about trees. It also serves as a good introduction to First-Step Story 2.

Finding Friends

Unit 1 Theme 1 – Just Me!
Theme 2 – My Favorites
Unit 3 Theme 1 – Our Class
Theme 3 – Our Neighborhood

In Finding Friends students study the benefits and problems that arise in friendships. In Into English Unit 1 students explore who they are and the things they like. This can be used as a basis to help students understand that friends can have many similarities, and also many differences. They should also understand that it is the respect of these differences that preserves friendships. Finally, in Unit 3 Theme 3, students learn about community helpers as special kinds of “community friends.”

Stick to It

Unit 7 Theme 1 – On the Farm
Theme 2 – From Seed to Plant

In this kindergarten unit students learn the value of perseverance, and how to “persist in situations in which the reward is not immediately apparent,” as in education. OCR does this through a study of literature, in which two of the four selections involve plants. In Into English Unit 7 students make a connection with the themes in the OCR selections, and they also gain first hand experience of the unit concept by realizing the perseverance needed in order to take a plant from seed to final product.

The Wind

Unit 2 Theme 1 – I Change
Theme 3 – Weather Changes

A key goal of this unit is to continue the scientific inquiry process that began in Unit 2, Shadows. In this unit the inquiry is done through the exploration of the properties of the wind, and “other events in nature that are often dependent on the wind.” Also, in the Integrating the Curriculum section students have the opportunity to study the wind, as well as other types of weather. These concepts are also explored in Into English Unit 2 Theme 3. Theme 1 helps activate students’ prior knowledge so they better understand changes in weather.

Red, White, and Blue

No Recommended Unit

Teamwork

Unit 8 Theme 3 – Our Precious Planet

In Teamwork, students discover that “it often takes teamwork to accomplish important goals, both in school and throughout life.” They read a poem called *Cleaning up the Block*, which illustrates that working together to clean up trash can build community pride. This ties in nicely with Into English Unit 8 Theme 3, “Our Precious Planet,” in which students sing and chant about taking care of the Earth, and participate in an activity about recycling trash.

By the Sea

Unit 8 Theme 1 – Wonderful Water

In By the Sea, students use a study of oceans and sea life to “continue to learn about the scientific process.” The Into English Unit 8 Theme 1, “Wonderful Water,” is also a water-related science theme. Students learn about the water cycle, study water pollution, water conservation, and water life.