

STAGE 1 – (Desired Results)						
•	In this unit, the student reads non-fiction and fictional texts dealing with natural disasters in order practice reading strategies (visualizing and inferring unknown words). The student writes fictional stories on natural disasters and creates a safety book on how to prepare for natural disasters.					
Transversal Themes:	Transversal Themes: Knowledge, Life Skills, Environment					
Integration Ideas:	Science, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, Art					

Essential Questions (EQ) and Enduring Understandings (EU)

EQ1. Are all disasters natural?

EU1. Disasters can be man-made or created by nature.

EQ2. Why is it important to be prepared?

EU2. Being prepared and knowing warning signs can help keep you safe and ready.

EQ3. What can we learn from print?

EU3. Both fiction and non-fiction texts can teach us lessons in life.

Transfer (T) and Acquisition (A) Goals

T1. The student will leave the class able to use his/her learning about natural disasters to be prepared during a hurricane, earthquake, or tornado.

The student acquires skills to...

- **A1.** Listen, interact, and participate in class by asking questions, offering support for and elaborating on opinions, describing personal experiences, and using words to express ideas.
- **A2.** Describe text features, identify main idea or lesson, and tell the difference between text types.
- **A3.** Write both fiction and nonfiction texts after researching a topic and to apply the features of a sentence.
- **A4.** Determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases including multiple meaning words through inferring in a text.



	Puerto Rico Core Standards (PRCS)
Listening	
2.L.1	Listen and interact with peers during social interactions, read-alouds, and class, group, and partner discussions.
2.L.1a	Ask and answer questions appropriate to the topic and offer opinions in conversations using learned phrases and open responses.
Speaking	
2.5.1	Participate in class, group, and partner discussions by listening attentively, following turn-taking rules, and asking and answering questions with confidence about personal experience and texts using complete sentences.
2.S.2b	Use words, phrases, and expanded sentences to express ideas for a variety of purposes (e.g., communicate needs and desires).
2.5.3	Retell conversations and fictional and informational texts; and respond to stories, read-alouds, and presentations orally using a growing number of general academic and content-specific words.
Reading	
2.R.1	Describe ideas, phenomena (e.g., erosion), and text elements (e.g., central message, character traits) using greater detail based on understanding of a variety of grade-level and read-aloud texts and viewing of multimedia with light support.
2.R.10	
2.R.2I	Identify the main topic and key details of an informational text.
2.R.2L	Retell stories, including key details, and identify main idea or lesson.
2.R.4I	Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
2.R.5	Describe the major differences between literary and informational texts.
2.R.6I	Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations in a text.
Reading Foundational Skills	
2.R.FS.11b	Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.
Writing	
2.W.1	Write to express feelings, familiar topics, experiences, and describe a picture; use grade-level appropriate high frequency words (e.g., Dolch list) to write simple sentences.
2.W.2	Work independently and collaborate with peers to draw and write informational texts; use grade-level appropriate high frequency words (e.g., Dolch list) to write simple sentences.



2.W.3	Collaborate with peers to draw and write literary texts; use grade-level appropriate high frequency words (e.g., Dolch list) to write simple sentences.
2.W.6	Participate in shared research and writing projects.
Writing Foundational Skills	
2.W.FS.9	Apply the distinguishing features of a sentence when writing (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).
Language	
2.LA.1	Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
2.LA.1e	Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything).
2.LA.1g	Use articles (e.g., the, an, etc.) and demonstrative adjectives (e.g., this, that, etc.) as appropriate.
2.LA.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
2.LA.2g	Consult reference materials, including dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings, using the ability to alphabetize by the first two letters.
2.LA.3	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
2.LA.3a	Choose words and phrases for different purposes (e.g., slang, written vs. spoken, formal vs. informal).
2.LA.3b	Apply differences between the conventions of spoken and written English with some degree of accuracy though not perfectly and with support.
2.LA.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.
2.LA.4a	Use illustrations, predictions, and context clues to help identify meaning of a word or phrase.
2.LA.4d	Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words (e.g., birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook, bookmark).



	STAGE 1 – (Desired Re	sults)	STAGE 2 – (Asse	essment Evidence)	STAGE 3 – (Learning Plan)
Alignment to Learning Objectives	Content Focus (The student understands)	Content Vocabulary	Performance Tasks	Other Evidence	Learning Activities
PRCS: 2.L.1 2.L.1a 2.LA.3b 2.R.1 2.R.2I 2.R.5 2.S.1 2.S.2b 2.S.3 2.W.1 2.W.2 2.W.6 EQ/EU: EQ1/EU1 EQ2/EU2 T/A: A1 A2 A3 T1	 Causes and characteristics of natural disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados). How to prepare for a natural disaster. Genre types (realistic fiction, fantasy, nonfiction). 	 Earthquake (tectonic plates, fault lines, movement, squeeze, stretch, stress) Genre (fantasy, realistic fiction) Hurricane (eye, wind, cloud, rain, ocean surface, moist/humid air, storm, storm surge, flood) Natural disaster Prepare, preparation Safe place (e.g., under a table, basement, inland) Safety kit (e.g., canned food, light, batteries, water, cash, flashlight, can opener, first aid 	For complete descriptions, refer to the section 'Performance Tasks' at the end of this map. Integrated Assessment 2.4 • Before completing this unit, the teacher should administer the first integrated assessment to students (see Attachment: "Integrated Assessment 2.4"). Safety Book • The student writes a book on ways to be safe during a natural disaster which includes four to five clear and concise tips with illustrations describing how to prepare. The student also includes non-fiction text features such as labels in his/her book. • The student presents his/her work to public officials or other members of the community who are in	• The student reads aloud to check for fluency: any words that the student has difficulty with, intonation, skipped words, and missed endings (see attachment: Resource 8 – Paired Reading Fluency Check as an evaluation). Social Language Observation • During morning message, story time and instructions, the teacher uses attachment, Resource 7 – Social Language Rubric to note growth of the student's ability to follow instructions, and to participate during read alouds.	For sample lessons related to the following group of learning activities, refer to the section 'Sample Lessons' at the end of this map. Natural Disasters • The teacher reads aloud a non-fiction text on each natural disaster. Beforehand, the teacher elicits questions through a walkthrough of the book and creates a KWL chart with the student (What I know about; What I want to know; What I learned). The teacher connects to the essential question, "What can we learn from print?" • The teacher teaches about one natural disaster a week. The teacher introduces the natural disaster by doing a demonstration to excite the student and make him/her curious. This also builds background knowledge that the student can draw from during the read alouds or during pair reading and research. During the simulation, the student asks questions, makes hypotheses about what will happen, writes down observations and makes connections to the real world. Simulate an earthquake with dirt and cardboard by following directions for



kit)	charge of safety (police,	the Earthquake Engineering
• Tips,	firefighters, city council,	Simulation:
suggestions	etc.).	http://www.ehow.com/info_
 Tornado (wind, 		8324161_earthquake-projects-
wall cloud,		<u>kids.html</u>
tornado watch,		 Simulate an earthquake:
tornado		http://www.weatherwizkids.com/
warning, cone,		weather-earthquake.htm
moist/humid		 Simulate pressure change (a cause of
air, dry air,		hurricanes):
spinning,		http://www.weatherwizkids.com/
rotating)		experiments-
		makethunderstorm.htm
		 Simulate a tornado in a bottle:
		http://www.weatherwizkids.com/
		experiments-tornado-bottle.htm-
		bottle.htm
		With teacher support, including modeling
		and guided practice, the student reads an
		informational text, identifies the main idea
		and supporting details, and records his/her
		findings on a graphic organizer. The student
		uses the informational text and his/her
		graphic organizer to create a summary based
		on the text. The student also answers
		questions based on the text. (See
		Attachment: 2.7 Graphic Organizer – Main
		Idea and Supporting Details.)
		After the teacher and student have studied
		the three types of natural disasters and have
		read the fictional texts, the teacher asks if all
		the books were the same. The teacher asks
		what made the stories unique, or if the
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		events were believable or not. This can be a



		way of introducing fantasy as compared to realistic fiction. The teacher completes a
		class Venn diagram comparing the two types
		of genres.



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	words in big words.
	The teacher models how to infer unknown
	words during read alouds by using context
	clues to help understand unknown words.
	The teacher creates the class chart (adapted
	from Debbie Miller).
	 When we come to an unknown
	word, READ ON! We use clues from
	pictures or the story and what we
	know to help us.
	■ Column 1: Unknown word
	■ Column 2: What we infer it
	means
	■ Column 3: What helped us?
	The teacher demonstrates blending the
	sounds in unknown words including the
	consonant blends.
	The teacher uses some of the unknown
	words that are compound words to show the
	student how to use the knowledge of the
	meaning of individual words to predict the
	meaning of marviadar words to predict the
	sunshine, rainbow). The student then makes
	a list of other compound words he/she read
	in the weather related books and tries to
	define them based on his/her knowledge of
	the meaning of individual words.
	The student reads with a partner and shares
	his/her own inferences of unknown words by
	writing the word he/she does not know
	(circle it) and his/her inference, "I infer it
	means" on a sticky note. At the end of
	the lesson the students come together, share
	their unknown words and place their sticky



		notes on a poster to document their use of
		the strategies to infer unknown words.



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		teacher creates a T-chart with illustrations on one side and pictures on the other. The
		student fills in what he/she learns from the
		illustrations and what he/she learns from
		the pictures.
		Reading Strategy: Prediction
		 After the teacher reads a non-fiction story,
		he/she reads a fiction story that has the
		natural disaster as the problem in the story
		(see literature connections). The student
		uses his/her newly gained knowledge to
		predict what will happen.
		Reading Strategy: Visualization
		 To introduce a reading strategy, the
		teacher shares how good readers visualize
		what they are reading. During the read
		aloud, the student draws what he/she is
		imagines happening. The student shares
		his/her drawings and the teacher compares them to show how we have different
		visualizations because we have different
		background knowledge. The teacher asks,
		"What can we learn from print?" Even if it
		is a fictional text, we can learn from the
		characters' actions.
		 The student draws his/her most vivid
		image from the read aloud, has a
		conversation with another student about
		the story, and draws another image to
		show how comprehension deepens



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			through sharing and conversation (see
			attachment: 2.7 Learning Activity –
			Visualizing Images while Reading).
			 In pairs, the students complete 2.3 Other
			Evidence – Story Mapping with Theme
			organizer to come up with the theme and
			story elements of the fictional book.



STAGE 3 – (Learning Plan)

Suggested Literature Connections

- Fictional Books on Weather:
- Jonathan London (set in Puerto Rico)
 - o Hurricane!
- David Wiesner
 - Hurricane
- Kirby Larson
 - o Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina
- Bryan Ladgdo
 - o Tornado Slim and the Magic Cowboy Hat
- Teri Sloat
 - o Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round
- Millie Lee
 - Earthquake
- Non-Fiction Books on Weather:
- Gail Gibbons
 - Weather Words and What they Mean
- Joanna Cole
 - o The Magic School Bus: Inside a Hurricane
- Franklyn Branley
 - o Earthquakes (Let's Read and Find Out Science 2)
- Franklyn Branley
 - o Tornado Alert (Let's Read and Find Out Science 2)

Additional Resources

- On Hurricanes: http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-hurricane.htm
- On Earthquakes: http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-earthquake.htm
- On Tornadoes: http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-tornado.htm



• Track earthquakes near Puerto Rico. Have student classify them according to the Richter scale (minor, moderate, strong, major, great): http://redsismica.uprm.edu/english/



Unit 2.7: Wild Weather English as a Second Language

5 weeks of instruction

Performance Tasks

Safety Book

- Step 1: The teacher asks, "Are all disasters natural?" The student discusses the impacts of various natural disasters. Could any of them have been avoided (through preparation or getting to a safe place)? Some disasters are caused by nature, but some disasters could have been avoided.
- Step 2: The teacher brainstorms with the student how to prepare for a natural disaster. The teacher sees what the student already knows from his/her experience and creates a list of ways to be safe using information from the text.
- Step 3: The teacher reads aloud from texts and lessons on preparing for natural disasters. The student acts out ways to prepare, creates a safety kit, and discusses safety in a way that makes the student feel empowered rather than frightened or worried.
- Step 4: The teacher discusses the difference in language between how to tell a friend to be prepared and how to write with the appropriate conventions so others will be able to understand the student's writing as well as what type of convention to use in speaking with a public official.
- Step 5: The student makes a book on ways to be safe during a natural disaster (student can choose which disaster, but it is beneficial to focus on hurricanes or earthquakes which occur around Puerto Rico).
- Step 6: The student creates four to five clear and concise tips, with illustrations describing how to prepare. The student also includes non-fiction text features such as labels in his/her book.
- Step 7: The student presents his/her work to public officials or other members of the community who are in charge of safety (police, firefighters, city council, etc.).

Wild Weather Picture Book

- Step 1: The student applies his/her content vocabulary to a story that occurs during a natural disaster. The student works with a team to select a genre (realistic fiction or fantasy), create a story, conduct extra research, and write a story that has a problem and solution revolving around a natural disaster. In addition, the student creates a theme to the book as a way of reinforcing the big ideas that connect readers to texts.
- Step 2: The teacher has picture dictionaries available during the writing process for the student to access.
- Step 3: The student illustrates his/her book and presents a copy to the school library.
- Step 4: The teacher celebrates the students' books and brochures in a class party to celebrate all of their hard work from the unit and year!
- The teacher conferences with students to help them correct any issues in the writing with personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything), the appropriate use of articles (the, a, an) and demonstrative adjectives (this, that).
- The teacher uses attachment, 2.7 Performance Task Narrative Writing Rubric to assess writing.



Suggested Sample Lessons

- Experiments you can do in class http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-experiments.htm
- Guide to prepare for a hurricane http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/owlie-hurricane.pdf
- Readings with questions on tornado safety http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/bm/bm03.pdf