



This suggested pacing guide is based on 200 minutes of weekly instruction for science and social studies (ie. 40 minutes of daily science/social students instruction).

Most units should take *about 2 weeks* to complete. Teachers have flexibility within each nine week period to teach units in the order that works best for their grade level team. Cross-curricular integration is encouraged to help students make real life connections and maximize instructional opportunities.

1st Nine Weeks		
The first couple weeks of school should focus on Back-to-School Routines & SEL. Holidays: Labor Day; Columbus Day		
Social Studies: Unit 1	Science: Unit 1	Social Studies: Unit 2
Citizenship 1.10, 1.13bc	Weather 1.7a Seasonal Changes: Summer to Fall 1.7bc	Symbols and Traditions 1.11, 1.12

2nd Nine Weeks			
Seasonal Changes: Fall to Winter (1.7bc) should be taught with either Unit 3 or 4. Holidays: Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			
Social Studies: Unit 3	Science: Unit 2	Social Studies: Unit 4	Science: Unit 3
Voting and Virginia's Past 1.13a; 1.3a-c; 1.2a	Matter: Physical Properties 1.3	Geography 1.5, 1.6	Animals 1.5

3rd Nine Weeks			
Seasonal Changes: Winter to Spring (1.7bc) should be taught with either Unit 4 or 5. Holidays: Presidents' Day			
Social Studies: Unit 5	Science: Unit 4	Social Studies: Unit 6	Science: Unit 5
Famous People 1.3de, 1.2b, 1.4a	Force, Motion, Energy 1.2	Life in Virginia Today 1.2c	Sun and Earth Relationships 1.6

4th Nine Weeks		
Seasonal Changes: Spring to Summer (1.7bc) should be taught with either Unit 6 or 7. Holidays: Memorial Day; Independence Day (1.4b); Juneteenth		
Social Studies: Unit 7	Science: Unit 6	Science: Unit 7
Economics 1.7, 1.8, 1.9	Natural Resources 1.8	Plants 1.4