Subject: Social Studies

Overview: The Discovering Heroes® series is designed to increase awareness about 9/11 and everyday heroes. Each book in the trilogy is paired with a teacher’s guide that includes a full unit of ancillary social studies lessons, learning activities and background for teachers.

Unit Implementation Schedule: It is recommended that unit implementation take place at any time during the school year, especially on or near September 11.

Unit Description: Unit 3 is based on the third book, “9/11 Courage and Tributes” in the Discovering Heroes® series. The main characters, Grandpa, Grandma, and their grandchildren, Tyler, Olivia and Sophia, continue a journey to acquire knowledge of the heroes of 9/11 and the meaningful tributes to their sacrifice so they will always be remembered. Guiding questions drive the inquiry process in each chapter, while a culminating activity or task provides students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning.

Unit Objectives: Students will:
- Understand that September 11, 2001, is continuing to take lives due to illnesses.
- Learn that America’s largest water evacuation was on September 11, 2001.
- Learn that there are many ways to honor and remember people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
- Understand that everyday people acted heroically during America’s darkest day and continue to do so.
- Understand that it is important to be an active listener and ask questions to uncover extraordinary, untold stories of heroism that are all around them.
- Complete learning tasks related to the story to enhance understanding of September 11, 2001.

Included Ancillary Materials:
- Word List for “9/11 Courage and Tributes”
- Coloring and Vocabulary Worksheet
- Your Everyday Hero Worksheet
- 9/11 Courage and Tributes Banner Worksheet
- 9/11 Physical Tribute Worksheet
  - Kindergarten
  - Grades 1–2
- Postcard to 9/11 Hero Family Worksheet
  - Kindergarten
  - Grades 1–2
- Order of Events Worksheet 1
- Order of Events Worksheet 2

Word List for “9/11 Courage and Tributes”:
- Devastated
- Eternally and Eternity
- 10–4
- Evacuation
- Passersby
- Rubble and Ruins
- Centerpiece
- Symbolize
- Void and Absence
- Ultimate Sacrifice
- Resilience
- First Responder

Complete word list including definitions is on page 16 of the Instructional Unit.

ELA Connections:

Kindergarten CCSS

Grade 1 CCSS
RL.1.1, RL.1.2, RL.1.3, RL.1.4, RL.1.6, RL.1.7, RL.1.9, W.1.2, W.1.8, SL.1.1.a, SL.1.1b, SL.1.1.c, SL.1.2, SL.1.3, SL.1.5, L.1.4, L.1.4.a, L.1.6

Grade 2 CCSS
RL.2.1, RL.2.2, RL.2.3, RL.2.4, RL.2.5, RL.2.6, RL.2.7, W.2.2, W.2.8, SL.2.1, SL.2.1.a, SL.2.1.b, SL.2.1.c, SL.2.2, SL.2.3, SL.2.6, L.2.4, L.2.4.a, L.2.4.e, L.2.6

C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards:
- D2.His.3.K-2: Generate questions about individuals and groups who have shaped a significant historical change.