1
Social and Emotional
Lessons tied to text sets for seamless integration of SEL concepts

2
Diverse Texts
Reflecting today's classroom as students see themselves in the text and build perspectives

3
Small-Group Texts
A step above the rest—texts students want to read written by trade authors

4
Constructive Conversations
Stretching students beyond collaborative conversations with oral discussions that matter to students

5
Research & Inquiry Projects
Meaningful culminating tasks that connect concepts to students' real world
Authentic Literature
Included in unit take-home Texts for Close Reading, providing students rich texts at school and at home.

Clearly Marked Skill Instruction
Introductory, Reviewed, and Tested Skills identified to guide instructional decisions.

Three-Week Focus on Concept/Topic Within and Across Grades
Building content knowledge and vocabulary in science, social studies, and literature.

Intervention Lessons
Tied directly to the 3-week skill focus for targeted, time-efficient instruction for identified students.

Responsive Teaching Tools
Prompting Cards and Peer Coaching Menus designed to scaffold each student to the next reading level.

PLUS...
Effective, Efficient Phonics Instruction
Gradual Release in Action
- Systematic, explicit instruction with targeted practice
- Connected practice in authentic reading and writing
- Built-in spiral review