

## Summer Learning is **Out of this WORLD!**

### Dear Teacher,

Thank you so much for supporting students in reading literary texts, using phonics skills to read and spell unfamiliar words, and reading informational texts while traveling through space this summer. We hope that your students find the unit supports building their background knowledge of space before entering 4th grade in the fall.

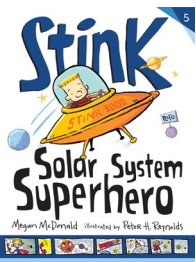
This unit can be utilized in a virtual learning environment or as a “paper-pencil” unit that can be completed at home with teacher and parent support. In order for students to be successful, the following resources will need to be provided for students prior to the beginning of the unit for all 20 days.

- ★ Video Lesson (virtual learning only)
- ★ Lesson Plan (paper-pencil only)
- ★ Anchor Charts (paper-pencil only)
- ★ Graphic Organizers
- ★ Articles/Passages
- ★ Phonics Games and Activities
- ★ Reading Rocket Bookmark
- ★ Reading Journal or loose-leaf paper

### A Few Helpful Hints About This Reading Unit of Study

#### Lesson Structure:

- Each day's lesson is made up of three chunks of learning:
  - Read aloud to teach students how to grow in their understanding of literary text (fiction). Your school district may be interested in purchasing our daily read aloud, *Stink Solar System Superhero* by Megan McDonald for each student.
  - Phonics lesson that will help students apply decoding strategies.
  - Informational text lesson to teach students strategies for locating information and gaining meaning.



***Occasional opportunities for students to apply their learning appear throughout the unit. Teachers may choose to use these opportunities as a way to assess students' learning.***

#### Independent Reading Goal:

- Encourage your students to read 20 minutes each day.
- Support them in applying each day's learning to their own reading.
- Use the Reading Rocket Bookmark to track their reading each day and to celebrate their accomplishments.



***Suggestions for where to find books to read for free online are included on the Daily Lesson Plan Sheet.***

**Resources:**

- Two to three anchor charts are available for each lesson to help support the learning. The anchor charts are labeled: Day 1 Lesson 1; Day 1 Lesson 2; and Day 1 Lesson 3.
  - Lesson 1 supports teaching and learning from the read aloud, *Stink Solar System Hero*, by Megan McDonald.
  - Lesson 2 supports phonics teaching and learning.
  - Lesson 3 supports teaching and learning of reading informational texts.

Thank you for helping our South Carolina students read "To infinity and beyond!" this summer.

**Happy Space Travels!**

