This unit was designed for a kindergarten classroom, most appropriate for the second half of the year due to the amount of informational text included as well as focus on communication through writing and/or drawing. Included are 20 different authentic tasks, all related to the themes of weather and ocean, that are aligned to common core standards. The three common core standards this unit is focused on are (RI.K.1) asking and answering questions, (RI.K.3) describing the relationship between two ideas or pieces of information within a text, and (RI.K.8) identifying an author’s reasons to support an idea. In addition, this unit targets two essential process skills: following oral directions and effectively communicating ideas through writing and/or drawing. Each standard has several authentic tasks developed to measure the standard with rubrics aligned to the task. Each standard has at least one summative provided with multiple formative assessments.