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Suggested Implementation Guide for Headin' West Grade: 4

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
English Language Arts	Do a silent share and give unit overview. Read the class novel <i><u>Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail</u></i> . Keep a double entry journal. Research a pioneer using books from the trunk as well as internet resources.	Continue reading the novel. Introduce the simulations and complete the first 2. Write journal entries from the point of view of a pioneer about your motivations for traveling west and the first 2 simulation experiences.	Finish reading the novel. Complete the simulations as well as the journal entries. Create a pioneer journal/scrapbook of your experiences. Celebrate pioneer day! ☺
Social Studies	Using books in the trunk, explore the motivations of various pioneers, their methods of travel, and their journeys along the trails. Design a travel brochure designed to attract pioneers to travel west.	Study the acquisitions of new territories and create a chart to compare each area and how it was obtained.	Discuss and study the treatment of Native Americans as pioneers settled lands in the west. Write a letter from the point of view of a native American expressing the way you are being treated and how you feel about it.
Math	Show examples of budgets and solve word problems with them including addition, subtraction, and multiplication of decimals.	Set up a budget for your simulations and adjust them accordingly based on your group's decisions.	Continue to adjust budgets accordingly based on group decisions as we arrive west.
Science	Research the climates and weather of the various US regions now and in the 1800s.	Research severe weather and safety. Write about how severe weather impacted the travels of the pioneers and what advice you could give them to stay safe along the journey.	Create a severe weather safety PowerPoint.