For additional resources please visit:

www.highlightskids.com
From the same magazine that kids know and love, this website allows students to read, play games, and conduct science experiments!

www.timeforkids.com
TIME for Kids is a weekly classroom news source with real-world topics- it’s the best nonfiction text you’ll find! The stories will help students learn about social studies, science, and math also!

http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/
PBS tells stories with characters from Between the Lions on this site. With many Folktales and Fable options, students can listen and follow along with the words provided on the screen. The animated books, reading, and music are engaging for all young readers!

If you have any questions, speak to your student’s teacher or email earlylit@hartfordschools.org

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Visit any of the Hartford Public Library branches or your local library! www.hplct.org

How do good readers compare and contrast stories?
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN UNIT:

- What does it mean to compare and contrast?
- Why is it useful to compare and contrast?
- How do I write effective informative/explanatory texts?
- What is research and how do I do it?

STUDENTS LEARNING TARGETS ALIGNED TO THE CONNECTICUT CORE STANDARDS

Your child can...

- compare and contrast the same story by different authors or from different cultures
- compare and contrast the most important topics in two texts on the same topic

CLASSROOM BOOKS IN UNIT 5

Ask your local librarian for books!

Whole Class Read Aloud:
- Abe Lincoln’s Hat by Martha Brenner
- Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman
- Johnny Appleseed by Jane Kurtz

Whole Class Shared Reading—each student has their own copy of:
- Coming to America: A Muslim Family’s Story by Bernard Wolf
- Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
- This is the Dream by Diane Z. Shore
- Across the Alley by Richard Michelson

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME:

Diphthongs
- oi/oy in foil and toy
- ow/ou in owl and ouch
- Add food coloring or juice to water and put it in a squirt bottle or an emptied condiment container. Go outside in the snow and write words with diphthongs in the snow. When you’re done, use the snow to make a snowman!
- How many words can you act out with a diphthong? Play charades in which one person acts out a word and the other person has to guess. Keep track of points to see who wins!

Visit local museums and libraries!
(Wadsworth Atheneum, Science Center, Hartford Public Library’s Children’s Room)