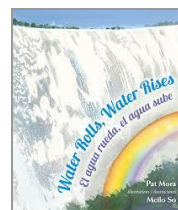


Unit 2: The Forces of Wind and Water

WEEK 4 Day 3



Vocabulary & Language

Capitalization

Weekly Question	What is our relationship with water?
Language Objective	I can determine whether to use a lowercase or uppercase letter when referring to a place. (L.2.2.a)
Materials and Preparation	Capitalization slides Note: This lesson uses slides 1-7.
Opening	<i>You already know a lot of rules about using capital, or uppercase, letters. You know that in English we capitalize the first word in a sentence and the word "I."</i> <i>Today we are going to discuss when to use capital letters when writing the names of places.</i>
Discussion	<i>Last week we read Water Rolls, Water Rises. Here is one page from that book. Let's reread it together.</i>
slide 2	
slide 3	<i>On this page, the word "rivers" begins with a lowercase letter. It is used as a general noun, referring to all rivers.</i>
slide 4	<i>On this page, the word "river" begins with an uppercase letter. It names the specific river that inspired the artwork. The river's name is the Yangtze River.</i> <i>Which other words on this page begin with uppercase letters? Why?</i> Harvest the children's ideas. Reinforce/explain that the names of geographic places begin with uppercase letters.
slide 5	<i>Here is another image from Water Rolls, Water Rises.</i> <i>The notes for this image say, "Inspired by a village in Peloponnese,</i>

	<i>Greece.”</i> <i>In this sentence, do you think “village” begins with a lowercase or uppercase letter? Why?</i> Harvest the children’s ideas.
slide 6	<i>Here, “village” begins with a lowercase letter because it is not giving the name of the specific village.</i> <i>Some words on this page are covered. Those words say “Peloponnese, Greece.”</i> <i>Do you think those two words begin with lowercase or uppercase letters? Why?</i>
slide 7	<i>These words both begin with uppercase letters. “Peloponnese” is the name for a region of the country of Greece.</i>
Closing	<i>Today we learned that the names of specific places begin with uppercase letters. Tomorrow you will write sentences that include the names of places.</i>
Standards	L.2.2.a Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.
Ongoing assessment	During the discussion, listen for evidence that children are understanding capitalization of geographic names. Do they accurately identify which words name specific places? Do they accurately identify which words should be capitalized?

Notes
