Overview: In this unit, students learn about the country of Cuba. In this context, they also learn about preparations for a birthday party, different cultural traditions, Cuban musical instruments, and activities that people engage in at parties and celebrations.

Essential Questions:

- How do you prepare a birthday party? (Week 1)
- What's a birthday party like? (Week 2)
- What do people do at a carnival? (Week 3)
- What's a carnival like? (Week 4)

Enduring Understandings:

- Cuba is an island in the Caribbean that speaks Spanish and produces many products.
- There are Cuban-American communities in the state of Florida.
- Cuba is a Spanish-speaking country that has dance and musical traditions.
- Birthday parties require planning.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS / STUDENT OUTCOMES

Communication

- **1.1 Interpersonal Students will:**
- Ask and answer questions about birthday and celebrations.
- Discuss supplies needed for a birthday celebration.
- Ask and answer questions about music and dance at a birthday party.
- Ask and answer questions about what people do at a celebration.

1.2 Interpretive Reading and Listening - Students will:

- Predict based on the cover, title and illustrations.
- Ask and respond to questions about text read aloud.
- Recognize the sequence of events.
- Recognize the sounds of the letters *ch* and *ll*.
- Analyze invitations.
- Identify singular and plural forms of nouns.

1.3 Presentational Speaking and Writing - Students will:

- Describe a birthday celebration.
- Describe a community celebration.
- Say how they and others feel at a celebrations.
- State the time of an event.
- Use singular and plural forms nouns appropriately.
- Use proper capitalization and punctuation to create sentences.

Culture

2.1 Practices and Perspectives - Students will:

• Examine the importance of community celebrations in Cuba.

2.2 Products and Perspectives - Students will:

• Name several traditional Cuban musical instruments.

Connections

- **3.1 Cross-curricular Students will:**
- Describe music at celebrations.

3.2 Target Culture - Students will:

• Examine the importance of a street festival in Cuba.

Comparisons

- **4.1 Language -** Students will:
- Compare and contrast proper capitalization and punctuation to create sentences.
- Compare and contrast singular and plural forms of nouns.
- Compare and contrast the letter sounds of *ch* and *ll* in Spanish and in English.

4.2 Culture - Students will:

• Compare celebrations in Cuba with the United States.

Communities

5.1 Beyond the School - Students will:

• Participate in simulations that replicate authentic conversations about feelings, celebrations, and Cuban musical traditions.

5.2 Lifelong Learner - Students will:

- Experience the music of street festivals in Cuba.
- Explore where in the United States there is evidence of Cuban culture.

FUNCTIONS • VOCABULARY • STRUCTURES

| LANGUAGE FUNCTION | CONTENT VOCABULARY | LANGUAGE STRUCTURE |
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| Identify items needed for a party. Describe items at a party. | Útiles: globo gorro invitación/invitaciones pastel piñata vela frijoles jugo amigos pollo Palabras de Descripciones: grande bonito fiesta de cumpleaños | ¿Con quién vas a celebrar? Voy a celebrar una fiesta con (persona). |
| Express what action is needed to prepare for a party. Express likes/dislikes | Verbos: beber celebrar comer comprar decorar preparar cantar jugar | ¿Cómo vas a preparar? Voy/Vamos a (verbo). ¿Qué va a comprar? Voy a comprar (útil). ¿Qué vas a comer? Voy a comer pastel/frijoles/pollo. ¿Qué vas a beber? Voy a beber jugo. ¿Cómo te gusta celebrar? Me gusta (Verbo) |
| Express age. | Verbo: • tener | ¿Cuántos años tienes tú? Yo tengo (número) |

| | Números: | años. |
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| Identify the <i>ch</i> and <i>ll</i> sounds. | ch: chaqueta leche chico chico churros ll: amarillo gallina calle gallo lluvia | |
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| Identify items at a carnaval | Útiles: máscara/máscaras cabezón/cabezones disfraz/disfraces instrumento/instrumentos | |
| Identify musical instruments | Instrumentos | ¿Qué vas a tocar? Yo voy a tocar (instrumento). ¿Qué instrumentos van a tocar tus amigos? Mis amigos van a tocar (instrumento). |