

**Essential Question:** What makes different animals unique?

**Unit 3 Week 1**

**Story**

*Martina the Beautiful  
Cockroach*

**Genre**

Folktale

**Story**

"Get a Backbone!"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"Inchworm's Tale"

**Genre**

Folktale

**Comprehension Strategy**

visualize

**Comprehension Skill**

problem and solution

**Vocabulary Strategy**

synonyms

**Writing Traits**

sentence fluency

**Grammar**

action verbs

**Other Skills**

contractions

**Genre**

folktale

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

r-controlled  
vowels

whirl  
third  
girls  
firm  
fern  
herds  
stern  
serve  
hurt  
nurse  
turns  
learn  
pearl  
word  
world  
stretch  
thick  
whales  
perfect  
Thursday

**Vocabulary**

**unique**- the only one of its kind

**disbelief**- lack belief about something

**dismay**- shock and surprise

**fabulous**- amazing

**features**- things that are noticeable about something

**offered**- presented with something as a choice

**splendid**- very beautiful or magnificent

**watchful**- watching carefully

**Essential Question:** How can one person change the way you think?

**Unit 3 Week 2**

**Story**

*Finding Lincoln*

**Genre**

Historical Fiction

**Story**

"A Great American Teacher"

**Genre**

Biography

**Story**

"Jane's Discovery"

**Genre**

Historical Fiction

**Comprehension Strategy**

visualize

**Comprehension Skill**

cause and effect

**Vocabulary Strategy**

figurative language: idioms

**Writing Traits**

word choice-linking words

**Grammar**

subject-verb agreement-tense

**Other Skills**

prefixes un-, re-, pre-

**Genre**

historical fiction

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

r-controlled  
vowels

sharp  
yard  
artist  
carve  
porch  
storm  
sport  
story  
chore  
shore  
sore  
hoard  
oars  
pour  
your  
learn  
word  
turns  
orchard  
ignore

**Vocabulary**

**bravery**- courage when facing danger

**amazement**- a feeling of great surprise

**disappear**- to stop being visible

**donated**- gave something to help

**leader**- a person who guides or leads others

**nervous**- upset or worried about something

**refused**- would not do something

**temporary**- lasts only for a short time

**Essential Question:** What do we know about Earth and its neighbors?

**Unit 3 Week 3**

**Story**

*Earth*

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"Coyote and the Jar of Stars"

**Genre**

Legend

**Story**

"Earth and Its Neighbors"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Comprehension Strategy**

summarize

**Comprehension Skill**

main idea and key details

**Vocabulary Strategy**

suffixes

**Writing Traits**

organization

**Grammar**

past-tense verbs

**Other Skills**

suffixes -y and -ly

**Genre**

expository text

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

r-controlled  
vowels

careful  
stared  
shared  
pair  
stairs  
wear  
bear  
where  
there  
dear  
rear  
gear  
here  
career  
peer  
shore  
carve  
storm  
square  
clearly

**Vocabulary**

**surface**- the outside of something

**amount**- how much of something there is

**astronomy**- the study of stars and planets

**globe**- the world

**solar system**- the sun and the planets that move around it

**support**- provide what is needed for something

**temperature**- how hot or cold something is

**warmth**- heat

**Essential Question:** What ideas can we get from nature?

**Unit 3 Week 4**

**Story**

*Big Ideas from Nature*

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"Perdix Invents the Saw"

**Genre**

Myth

**Story**

"Bats Did it First"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Comprehension Strategy**

summarize

**Comprehension Skill**

main idea and key details

**Vocabulary Strategy**

root words

**Writing Traits**

organization

**Grammar**

future-tense verbs

**Other Skills**

prefixes, final e syllables

**Genre**

expository text

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

prefixes

misprint  
misread  
mistrust  
misspell  
mistreat  
precut  
preview  
prepaid  
preplan  
preheat  
distrust  
discount  
dishonest  
discover  
disable  
stairs  
rear  
where  
prejudge  
disconnect

**Vocabulary**

**imitate**- try to act like something else

**effective**- works well

**example**- a thing used to show what other similar things are like

**identical**- exactly the same

**material**- the stuff used to make something

**model**- a small copy of something

**observed**- looked at closely

**similar**- alike but not exactly the same

**Essential Question:** How is each event in history unique?

**Unit 3 Week 5**

**Story**

*Riding the Rails West!*

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"Discovering Life Long Ago"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Story**

"The Long Road to Oregon"

**Genre**

Expository Text

**Comprehension Strategy**

summarize

**Comprehension Skill**

text structure: sequence

**Vocabulary Strategy**

suffixes

**Writing Traits**

voice

**Grammar**

combining sentences with verbs

**Other Skills**

prefixes un-, non-, dis-

**Genre**

expository text

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

diphthongs

foil  
point  
down  
plow  
proud  
coins  
enjoy  
owl  
round  
bounce  
noise  
joyful  
crowd  
couch  
loudly  
misprint  
prepaid  
discount  
choice  
snowplow

**Vocabulary**

**agreeable**- nice or pleasant

**appreciate**- grateful for something

**boomed**- grown suddenly

**descendants**- people who come from a particular ancestor or group of ancestors

**emigration**- leaving one's own country to live in another

**pioneers**- people who are among the first to explore and settle a region

**transportation**- the means of carrying or moving something from one place to another

**vehicles**- a means of transporting goods