

Spelling Packet - Classwork - due Friday morning

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- **Silent Letters:** Write all of your spelling words in a list. **Cross out the silent letters** that you find in each word.

Example: c u t e- f r i e n d l i g h t

WEDNESDAY - Choose one (1) activity

- **Front to Back to Front:** Write each word forward, then backward, then write forward again.
Example: trading gnidart trading
- **3 x each:** Write words 3x (three) each in print
- **2 x each in cursive:** Write words 2x (two) times each in CURSIVE.

THURSDAY - Choose one (1) activity

- **Pretest:** Ask an adult to give you a practice test where you write each word as it is read aloud. Write the word(s) you missed **5x each** on the same paper. Attach the paper to this packet.
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- **Find the vowels:** Print your spelling words. Go back and underline all of the vowels.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz
A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Essential Question: Where do good ideas come from?

Unit 1 Week 1

Story

The Princess and the Pizza

Genre

Fairy Tale

Story

"Tomas and His Sons"

Genre

Fable

Story

"The Dragon Problem"

Genre

Fairy Tale

Comprehension Strategy

make predictions

Comprehension Skill

sequence

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: synonyms

Writing Traits

ideas: descriptive details

Grammar

sentence types

Other Skills

inflectional endings, fluency: intonation

Genre

Fairy Tale

Vocabulary

brainstorm- to attempt to solve a problem through a group discussion

flattened- made or became flat

frantically- with strong emotions because of worries or fear

muttered- spoken in a low, unclear way

official- approved by authority

original- new; done for the first time

stale- not fresh

gracious- showing kindness and good manners

SPELLING/ PHONICS

short vowels

flat
cash
band
bell
left
shelf
wealth
grim
mill
hint
plot
dock
blot
odd
sum
plum
bluff
crunch
build
gym

Essential Question: How do your actions affect others?

Unit 1 Week 2

Story
Experts, Incorporated

Genre
Realistic Fiction

Story
"Speaking Out to Stop Bullying"

Genre
Expository Text

Story
"The Talent Show"

Genre
Realistic Fiction

Comprehension Strategy
make, confirm, or revise predictions

Comprehension Skill
problem and solution

Vocabulary Strategy
idioms

Writing Traits
ideas: focus on an event

Grammar
subjects and predicates

Other Skills
inflectional endings, fluency: expression and rate

Genre
Realistic Fiction

Vocabulary

- accountable**- responsible, liable to be called to account
- advise**- to give an opinion or advice to
- desperately**- recklessly because of having no hope
- hesitated**- waited or stopped a moment
- humiliated**- made someone feel ashamed
- inspiration**- a bright, sudden idea
- self-esteem**- having confidence and respect in oneself
- uncomfortably**- uneasily, not comfortably

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

long a

major
clay
stray
today
bail
rail
drain
faint
claim
pale
face
graze
cane
slate
ache
steak
break
eight
they
obey

Essential Question: How do people respond to natural disasters?

Unit 1 Week 3

Story
Earthquakes

Genre
Expository Text

Story
"Tornado"

Genre
Expository Text

Story
"A World of Change"

Genre
Expository Text

Comprehension Strategy
reread

Comprehension Skill
compare and contrast

Vocabulary Strategy
context clues: multiple-meaning words

Writing Traits
ideas: supporting details

Grammar
simple and compound sentences

Other Skills
plurals, Fluency: accuracy

Genre
Expository Text

Vocabulary

- alter**- to make different; to change
- collapse**- to fall down; cave in
- crisis**- a dangerous or difficult situation for a period of time
- destruction**- serious damage or ruin
- hazard**- something that can cause danger or harm
- severe**- dangerous or serious
- substantial**- large or considerable in amount
- unpredictable**- not behaving in a way that is expected

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

long e

evening
zebra
breathe
league
squeaky
healer
sleek
indeed
reef
deed
speech
wheeze
concrete
scheme
belief
chief
honey
donkey
family
weary

Essential Question: How can science help you understand how things work?

Unit 1 Week 4

Story

A Crash Course in Forces and Motions.....

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Story

"The Box-Zip Project"

Genre

Science Fiction

Story

"The Big Race"

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

cause and effect

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: definitions and restatements

Writing Traits

organization-sequence

Grammar

clauses and complex sentences

Other Skills

inflectional endings, fluency: phrasing and rate

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

long i

climb
minding
pies
die
height
sigh
fright
slight
drive
file
kite
prime
pride
slice
twice
wipe
pry
sly
shy
spy

Essential Question: How can starting a business help others?

Unit 1 Week 5

Story

Kids in Business

Genre

Persuasive Article

Story

"Starting a Successful Business"

Genre

Procedural Text

Story

"Dollars and Sense"

Genre

Persuasive Article

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

main idea and key details

Vocabulary Strategy

suffixes

Writing Traits

sentence fluency-sentence length

Grammar

run-on sentences

Other Skills

compound words, fluency: phrasing and rate

Genre

Persuasive Article

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

long o

bolt
mold
toll
shadow
flow
mows
lower
blown
quote
mole
stone
stove
chose
sole
stole
goal
groan
load
roasting
woe

Vocabulary

accelerate- to cause an object to move faster
advantage- something that is useful or helpful; benefit
capabilities- qualities or abilities
friction- a force that slows or stops movement between two surfaces
gravity- the force that pulls things to the center of the earth and causes items to fall when they are dropped
identity- who or what a person or thing is
inquiry- a search for knowledge or information
thrilling- causing a sudden feeling of excitement

Vocabulary

compassionate- showing feeling or sympathy toward others
enterprise- a difficult and important project a person plans to do
exceptional- not ordinary; extraordinary
funds- amounts of money set aside for a specific purpose
innovative- introducing a new idea
process- a series of actions that are done in making or doing something
routine- a regular way of doing something
undertaking- something undertaken as a task

Essential Question: What are some messages in animal stories?

Unit 2 Week 1

Story

The Secret Message

Genre

Folktale

Story

"The Fox and the Goat"

Genre

Fable

Story

"The Fisherman and the Kaha Bird"

Genre

Folktale

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

theme-central message or lesson

Vocabulary Strategy

root words

Writing Traits

organization-strong openings

Grammar

common and proper nouns

Other Skills

inflectional endings, fluency: expression

Genre

Folktale

Vocabulary

- attracted**- drew the attention of
- dazzling**- extremely bright and splendid
- fabric**- a cloth material that is knitted or woven
- greed**- a selfish desire to want more than one has
- honest**- truthful
- requested**- asked for
- soared**- flew high in the air
- trudged**- walked slowly with heavy steps

SPELLING/ PHONICS

prefixes

- unblock
- unborn
- unchain
- unload
- unlock
- recall
- relearn
- resell
- rewash
- rewind
- imperfect
- indirect
- incorrect
- illegal
- overact
- overheat
- subway
- premix
- preplan
- supersize

Essential Question: How do animal characters change familiar stories?

Unit 2 Week 2

Story

Ranita, The Frog Princess

Genre

Drama

Story

"The Moonlight Concert Mystery"

Genre

Mystery

Story

"The Ant and the Grasshopper"

Genre

Drama

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

theme-central message or lesson

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: antonyms

Writing Traits

voice-informal voice

Grammar

singular and plural nouns

Other Skills

possessives, fluency: intonation

Genre

Drama

Vocabulary

- annoyed**- bothered; irritated
- attitude**- a way of thinking or acting
- commotion**- a noisy confusion
- cranky**- irritable
- familiar**- well-known because of having been seen or heard before
- frustrated**- disappointed in being prevented from doing something
- selfish**- thinking only of oneself; not thinking of others
- specialty**- a particular thing that a person knows a lot about

SPELLING/ PHONICS

digraphs

- thirty
- width
- northern
- fifth
- choose
- touch
- chef
- chance
- pitcher
- kitchen
- sketched
- ketchup
- snatch
- stretching
- rush
- whine
- whirl
- bring
- graph
- photo

Essential Question: How are all living things connected?

Unit 2 Week 3

Story

The Buffalo Are Back

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Story

"Energy in the Ecosystem"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"Rescuing Our Reefs"

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Comprehension Strategy

summarize

Comprehension Skill

main idea and key details

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: sentence clues

Writing Traits

ideas-supporting details

Grammar

irregular plural nouns

Other Skills

-er and -est, fluency: accuracy

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

three-letter
blends

shred
shriek
shrimp
shrink
script
screw
screech
straighten
straps
strand
sprout
sprawl
sprang
splashing
splotch
thrill
throb
throat
thrift
through

Vocabulary

crumbled- broke into small pieces

droughts- long periods of time with little or no rain

ecosystem- all nonliving and living things in a particular area

extinct- no longer in existence

flourished- grew strongly; thrived

fragile- easily broken, delicate

imbalance- lack of balance

rippled- formed small waves

Essential Question: What helps an animal survive?

Unit 2 Week 4

Story

Spiders

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"Anansi and the Birds"

Genre

Trickster Tale

Story

"Animal Adaptations"

Genre

Expository Text

Comprehension Strategy

summarize

Comprehension Skill

main idea and key details

Vocabulary Strategy

prefixes

Writing Traits

organization-logical order

Grammar

possessive nouns

Other Skills

-ful and -less, fluency: rate

Genre

Expository Text

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

r-controlled
vowels
/ar/ /or/

dart
guard
award
backyard
argue
spark
target
smart
charge
carpet
warp
door
fort
morning
stork
cord
worn
stormy
core
bore

Vocabulary

camouflaged- hid by blending in to its surroundings

dribbles- flows or trickles, usually from mouth

extraordinary- very unusual; remarkable

poisonous- containing a substance that harms or kills by chemical action

pounce- to leap suddenly and take hold of

predator- an animal that hunts other animals in order to live

prey- an animal that is hunted or killed by other animals

vibrations- rapid, continuous movements back and forth and up and down

Essential Question: How are writers inspired by animals?

Unit 2 Week 5

Story

"The Sandpiper"
"Bat"

"The Grasshopper Springs"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Fog"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Dog"

Genre

Poetry

Comprehension Strategy

literary elements-meter and rhyme

Comprehension Skill

point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

figurative language-similes and metaphors

Writing Traits

word choice-precise language

Grammar

combining sentences-subject nouns

Other Skills

contractions, fluency: expression and phrasing

Genre

Poetry

Vocabulary

creative- having the power to do something in a new or imaginative way

brittle- very easily broken

descriptive- providing a picture in words

outstretched- stretched out or extended

metaphor- a comparison made without *like* or *as*

simile- a comparison made using *like* or *as*

rhyme- words with same middle and ending sound

meter- pattern of syllables in a line of poetry

SPELLING/ PHONICS

suffixes

sickly
hardly
quickly
slowly
carefully
wonderful
beautiful
graceful
spoonful
darkness
shapeless
ageless
illness
goodness
spotless
painless
weakness
darkest
clearest
thoughtful

Essential Question: How can you make new friends feel welcome?

Unit 3 Week 1

Story

The Cricket in Times Square

Genre

Fantasy

Story

"The Girl and the Chenoo"

Genre

Legend

Story

"At the Library"

Genre

Fantasy

Comprehension Strategy

visualize

Comprehension Skill

point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues

Writing Traits

sentence fluency-transitions

Grammar

action verbs

Other Skills

closed syllables, fluency: expression

Genre

fantasy

Vocabulary

acquaintance- a person one knows who is not a close friend

cautiously- carefully, watchfully

complementary- making complete or whole

jumble- to mix or throw into a confusion

logical- having to do with sensible way of thinking

scornfully- in a way that shows hatred for someone or something thought of as worthless

scrounging- getting, collecting, gathering, or foraging with great effort or difficulty

trustworthy- able to be trusted; reliable

SPELLING/ PHONICS

r-controlled vowels

herb
person
sternly
serpent
worse
pearl
dirty
birth
shirt
twirl
swirl
purse
curl
curve
curb
hurl
turkey
turnip
purpose
blurred

Essential Question: In what ways can you help your community?

Unit 3 Week 2

Story

Aguinaldo

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Story

"Partaking in Public Service"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"Remembering Hurricane Katrina"

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Comprehension Strategy

visualize

Comprehension Skill

point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues

Writing Traits

word choice-strong words

Grammar

verb tenses

Other Skills

open syllables, fluency: expression

Genre

realistic fiction

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

silent letter

wrinkle
wriggle
wrapper
wrench
answer
knead
knives
known
kneel
knew
plumber
combs
thumbs
lamb
condemn
resign
doubtful
hour
honesty
honor

Vocabulary

assigned- gave out as a task

generosity- the characteristics of being willing to share or give freely

gingerly- carefully; in a cautious manner

mature- having characteristics of an adult

organizations- groups of people who join together for a specific purpose

residents- people who live in a particular place

scattered- threw and spread about in different places

selective- able to pick out carefully

Essential Question: How can one person make a difference?

Unit 3 Week 3

Story

*Delivering Justice:
W.W. Law and the
Fight for Civil Rights*

Genre

Biography

Story

"Keeping Freedom in the Family"

Genre

Autobiography

Story

"Judy's Appalachia"

Genre

Biography

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

author's point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

synonyms and antonyms

Writing Traits

ideas-relevant evidence

Grammar

main and helping verbs

Other Skills

final e syllables, fluency: accuracy

Genre

biography

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

soft c and g

center
once
scene
spice
circus
cement
police
certain
ounce
glance
germs
bridge
badge
strange
orange
ginger
wedge
arrange
sponge
village

Vocabulary

boycott- to join others in refusing to do business with a person or organization

encouragement- the act of supporting and giving hope or confidence

fulfill- to finish or carry out

injustice- unfairness; something that is not right

mistreated- treated badly or in a cruel way

protest- complain or express disapproval against something

qualified- having the needed abilities for something; meeting the requirements

registered- wrote on a list or recorded officially

Essential Question: How can words lead to change?

Unit 3 Week 4

Story

*Abe's Honest Words:
The Life of Abraham
Lincoln*

Genre

Biography

Story

"A New Birth of
Freedom"

Genre

Speech

Story

"Words for Change"

Genre

Biography

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

author's point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

Latin and Greek suffixes

Writing Traits

organization-strong conclusions

Grammar

linking verbs

Other Skills

suffixes, fluency: expression

Genre

biography

Vocabulary

- address**- an official speech
- divided**- split into parts or pieces
- haste**- hurry; quickness in movement
- opposed**- to have been against
- perish**- to be destroyed; die
- proclamation**- an official public announcement
- shattered**- broke into pieces
- tension**- a feeling of pressure caused by too much emotional strain or worry

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

plurals

clams
mints
props
arches
dresses
parents
caves
glasses
hobbies
engines
couches
arrows
enemies
babies
ranches
patches
mistakes
supplies
mosses
armies

Essential Question: In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?

Unit 3 Week 5

Story

A New Kind of Corn

Genre

Persuasive Article

Story

"The Pick of the
Patch"

Genre

Procedural Text

Story

"Food Fight"

Genre

Persuasive Article

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

author's point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

Greek roots

Writing Traits

voice-audience and purpose

Grammar

irregular verbs

Other Skills

roots and related words, fluency: rate

Genre

persuasive article

Vocabulary

- advancements**- improvements or progress
- agriculture**- the business of producing crops and farm animals; farming
- characteristics**- qualities or features that help identify a person or thing
- concerns**- serious worries or interests
- disagreed**- differed in opinion
- inherit**- to receive property or money after a person has died
- prevalent**- commonly used or accepted in an area widespread
- resistance**- the ability to overcome or resist something

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

compound
words

fishbowl
desktop
waterproof
snowstorm
bedroom
bedspread
clothesline
lookout
campfire
grandparent
loudspeaker
blindfold
yourself
undertake
yardstick
overhead
railroad
bookcase
newborn
overdo

Essential Question: Why do we need government?

Unit 4 Week 1

Story

See How They Run

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Story

"The Birth of American Democracy"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"A World Without Rules"

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

cause and effect

Vocabulary Strategy

Latin roots

Writing Traits

organization-strong paragraphs

Grammar

pronouns and antecedents

Other Skills

vowel team syllables, fluency: phrasing and rate

Genre

narrative nonfiction

Vocabulary

amendments- formal changes made to laws or official documents

commitment- sense of obligation to someone or something

compromise- to reach an understanding by agreeing each side will give up some parts of its demands

democracy- a government that is run by citizens

eventually- finally; in the end

legislation- the laws made or passed

privilege- a special right given to a group or person

version- a description given from a specific point of view

SPELLING/PHONICS

inflectional endings

tasted
ripping
forced
flipping
tapped
flipped
scared
flagged
ripped
skipped
tapping
saved
skipping
scaring
flagging
discussed
saving
tasting
forcing
discussing

Essential Question: Why do people run for public office?

Unit 4 Week 2

Story

LaRue for Mayor

Genre

Fantasy

Story

"Bringing Government Home"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"The TimeSpecs 3000"

Genre

Fantasy

Comprehension Strategy

make, confirm, or revise predictions

Comprehension Skill

point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

idioms

Writing Traits

ideas-developing characters

Grammar

types of pronouns

Other Skills

r-controlled vowel syllables, fluency-phrasing and expression

Genre

fantasy

Vocabulary

accompanies- goes along with

campaign -a series of planned steps carried out towards a particular goal

governor- the person elected to be the head of a state government in the United States

intend- to have in mind as a purpose

opponent- a person who competes with another in a fight

overwhelming- making helpless; overpowering completely

tolerate- to put up with; stand

weary- really tired

SPELLING/PHONICS

inflectional endings
change y to i

funnier
families
pennies
worried
replied
varied
marries
carries
easily
silliest
jumper
emptier
merrier
applied
cozily
sorriest
prettily
lazier
happiest
dizziest

Essential Question: How do inventions and technology affect your life?

Unit 4 Week 3

Story

The Moon Over Star

Genre

Historical Fiction

Story

"3...2...1...We Have Spin-Off!"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"A Telephone Mix-Up"

Genre

Historical Fiction

Comprehension Strategy

make, confirm, or revise predictions

Comprehension Skill

point of view

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: synonyms

Writing Traits

ideas-develop plot

Grammar

pronoun-verb agreement

Other Skills

consonant + le syllables, fluency-expression

Genre

Historical Fiction

Vocabulary

decade- a time period of ten years

directing- -giving orders or instructions

engineering- the work that uses scientific knowledge for practical things

gleaming- shining; reflecting bright light

scouted- searched for in order to bring back information

squirmed- twisted and turned one's body

technology- the use of scientific knowledge for practical purposes

tinkering- attempting to fix something in an aimless way

SPELLING/ PHONICS

different /u/ sounds

mood
stoop
zoom
crew
stew
ruler
produce
issue
tutor
truth
bruised
juicy
suits
group
you'll
huge
crook
wool
used
should

Essential Question: How do you explain what you see in the sky?

Unit 4 Week 4

Story

Why Does the Moon Change Shape?

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"How It Came to Be"

Genre

Myth

Story

"Wonders of the Night Sky"

Genre

Expository Text

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

cause and effect

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues

Writing Traits

word choice-figurative language

Grammar

possessive pronouns

Other Skills

Greek and Latin roots, fluency-accuracy

Genre

Expository Text

Vocabulary

astronomer- an expert who studies the sun, moon, stars, and planets

crescent- -the shape of the Moon when you can only see the thin, curved part

phases- stages of growth; shapes of the moon at a particular time

rotates- turns around

series- a number of related things coming one after another

sliver- a slender, thin piece

specific- exact; precise

telescope- a tool that makes distant objects seem closer

SPELLING/ PHONICS

diphthongs

noises
voices
rejoice
annoy
destroy
voyage
mound
south
pound
hound
pouch
thousand
wound
grouch
cowboy
gown
frown
howling
flower
tower

Essential Question: How do writers look at success in different ways?

Unit 4 Week 5

Story

"Swimming to the Rock"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Genius"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Sing to Me"

Genre

Narrative Poetry

Literary Elements

stanza and repetition

Comprehension Skill

theme

Vocabulary Strategy

connotation and denotation

Writing Traits

word choice-sensory language

Grammar

pronouns and homophones

Other Skills

frequently confused words, fluency-rate

Genre

Expository Text

Vocabulary

attain- to achieve through work or effort

dangling- -hanging loosely

hovering- staying in the air over one place

triumph- a great victory or success

connotation- an idea or feeling that a word brings up

denotation- the primary meaning of a word

repetition- words repeated in a poem

stanza- a group of lines forming the basic recurring metrical unit in a poem

SPELLING/ PHONICS

variant /o/
sound

caught
laws
drawn
strawberry
straw
awe
shawl
alter
halt
talking
walker
chalk
stalk
small
caller
squall
cough
fought
thought
false

Essential Question: In what ways do people show they care about each other?

Unit 5 Week 1

Story

Mama, I'll Give You the World

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Story

"What If it Happened to You"

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Story

"Sadie's Game"

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Comprehension Strategy

visualize

Comprehension Skill

problem and solution

Vocabulary Strategy

similes and metaphors

Writing Traits

organization-strong openings

Grammar

adjectives

Other Skills

Latin prefixes, fluency-expression

Genre

Expository Text

Vocabulary

bouquet- a gathering of picked flowers

emotion- -a strong feeling, such as love, hate, sorrow, happiness, or fear

encircle- to form a circle around; to surround

express- to say or put into words; having to do with fast transportation or delivery

fussy- picky; hard to please

portraits- pictures of someone

sparkles- shines and gives off light; glitters

whirl- to spin or turn rapidly in a circle

SPELLING/ PHONICS

closed
syllables

blanket
blossom
dipper
distant
foggy
fossil
member
noddled
planner
plastic
rumbles
slender
summer
swallow
tablet
thriller
traffic
welcome
willow
witness

Essential Question: What are some reasons people moved west?

Unit 5 Week 2

Story

Apples to Oregon

Genre

Tall Tale

Story

"Westward Bound: Settling the American West"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"My Big Brother, Johnny Kaw"

Genre

Tall Tale

Comprehension Strategy

visualize

Comprehension Skill

cause and effect

Vocabulary Strategy

homographs

Writing Traits

sentence fluency-vary sentence types

Grammar

articles

Other Skills

irregular plurals, fluency-intonation and phrasing

Genre

Tall Tale

Vocabulary

plunging- diving or falling suddenly in a downward direction

prospector-an individual who explores for gold and other minerals

scoffed- made fun of; mocked; teased

settlement- a colony or new region where people start living

shriveled- to wrinkle and shrink

territories- large areas or regions of land

topple- to fall or make fall forward

withered- shriveled or dried up

SPELLING/ PHONICS

open
syllables

famous
radar
razor
vacancy
beside
beyond
defend
delay
demand
prevent
secret
veto
bison
diver
cider
silence
clover
spoken
stolen
tulip

Essential Question: How can inventions solve problems?

Unit 5 Week 3

Story

How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning

Genre

Biography

Story

"Energy is Everywhere"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"Stephanie Kwolek: Inventor"

Genre

Biography

Comprehension Strategy

summarize

Comprehension Skill

problem and solution

Vocabulary Strategy

Greek roots

Writing Traits

sentence fluency-transitions

Grammar

adjectives that compare

Other Skills

Greek and Latin roots, fluency-rate and accuracy

Genre

Biography

Vocabulary

dizzy- having the feeling of spinning or being about to fall

experiment-a test done to discover something of a scientific nature by watching results very carefully

genuine- being what it seems to be

hilarious- very funny

mischief- a behavior that may be playful but can cause harm or trouble

nowadays- in the present day

politician- an individual who holds or runs for a government office position

SPELLING/ PHONICS

vowel teams

brain
staircase
domain
praise
trainer
oatmeal
beneath
repeat
repeat
increase
sneak
boast
afloat
croak
compound
discount
speed
sleeve
sheep
baboon

Essential Question: What can you discover when you look closely at something?

Unit 5 Week 4

Story

A Drop of Water

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"The Incredible Shrinking Potion"

Genre

Fantasy

Story

"Your World Up Close"

Genre

Expository Text

Comprehension Strategy

summarize

Comprehension Skill

sequence

Vocabulary Strategy

context clues: antonyms

Writing Traits

voice-formal voice

Grammar

comparing with *more* and *most*

Other Skills

frequently misspelled words, fluency-rate and accuracy

Genre

Expository Text

SPELLING/ PHONICS

r-controlled
vowel
syllables

grocer
pepper
barber
grader
polar
tanker
singer
enter
odor
collar
zipper
powder
danger
cheddar
popular
harbor
anchor
elevator
daughter
victor

Vocabulary

cling- to stick closely, as if glued

dissolves- mixes a solid thoroughly with a liquid so that eventually it becomes liquid

gritty- containing small bits of small sand or stone

humid- containing a lot of water vapor in the air; moist

magnify- to make something look larger than it actually is

microscope- an instrument that uses lenses to enlarge any image seen through it

mingle- to come or mix together

typical- showing usual characteristics or qualities

Essential Question: How can learning about the past help you understand the present?

Unit 5 Week 5

Story

Rediscovering Our Spanish Beginnings

Genre

Informational Article

Story

"History's Mysteries"

Genre

Informational Article

Story

"Where It All Began"

Genre

Informational Article

Comprehension Strategy

summarize

Comprehension Skill

sequence

Vocabulary Strategy

proverbs and adages

Writing Traits

organization-strong conclusion

Grammar

comparing with *good* and *bad*

Other Skills

Latin suffixes, fluency-rate and expression

Genre

Informational Article

SPELLING/ PHONICS

consonant + /e
syllables

pebble
humble
double
gamble
trouble
uncle
needle
fiddle
cuddle
cradle
jungle
single
marble
ramble
tackle
ankle
freckle
buckle
hustle
tangle

Vocabulary

archaeology- the study of the way humans lived in the past

document- to record something with facts and evidence

era- a time period throughout history marked by events, people, things, or conditions

evidence- proof or sign of something

expedition- a journey made for a specific reason

permanent- meant to last without change

tremendous- very large or enormous

uncover- to discover; make known

Essential Question: How do traditions connect people?

Unit 6 Week 1

Story

The Game of Silence

Genre

Historical Fiction

Story

"Native Americans: Yesterday and Today"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"A Surprise Reunion"

Genre

Historical Fiction

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

theme

Vocabulary Strategy

connotation and denotation

Writing Traits

word choice-strong words

Grammar

adverbs

Other Skills

number prefixes,
fluency-rate and accuracy

Genre

Historical Fiction

Vocabulary

- ancestors**- people from whom one is descended
- despised**-looked at with hatred or unpleasantness
- endurance**- the power to put up with hardships or difficulties
- forfeit**- to lose or have to give up because of a fault, accident, or mistake
- honor**- to show or regard with great respect
- intensity**- the state of being strong and extreme
- irritating**- annoying; pestering; making painful or sensitive
- retreated**- moved back or withdrew

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

en and on

shaken
sunken
eleven
woven
widen
ridden
proven
often
robin
cousin
raisin
muffin
penguin
button
reason
cotton
wagon
dragon
common
skeleton

Essential Question: Why is it important to keep a record of the past?

Unit 6 Week 2

Story

Valley of the Moon

Genre

Historical Fiction

Story

"One Nation, Many Cultures"

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"Freedom at Fort Mose"

Genre

Historical Fiction

Comprehension Strategy

reread

Comprehension Skill

theme

Vocabulary Strategy

homophones

Writing Traits

organization-sequence

Grammar

comparing with adverbs

Other Skills

Latin suffixes,
fluency-intonation

Genre

Historical Fiction

Vocabulary

- depicts**- shows in pictures or words
- detested**-disliked very much; hated
- discarded**- threw aside as worthless; rejected
- eldest**- born first; oldest
- ignored**- refused to pay attention to
- obedience**- the act of obeying or carrying out orders
- refuge**- shelter or protection from harm and danger
- treacherous**- hazardous or dangerous

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

homophones

root
route
tail
tale
wade
weighted
prince
prints
doe
dough
moose
mousse
we've
weave
who's
whose
bolder
boulder
patience
patients

Essential Question: How have our energy resources changed over the years?

Unit 6 Week 3

Story

Energy Island

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Story

"Of Fire and Water"

Genre

Myth

Story

"The Great Energy Debate"

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

main idea and key details

Vocabulary Strategy

Latin and Greek prefixes

Writing Traits

word choice-transition words

Grammar

negatives

Other Skills

words from mythology, fluency-expression

Genre

Narrative Nonfiction

Vocabulary

coincidence- a remarkable, unplanned happenings of two events at the same time

consequences-the results of an action or event; outcomes

consume- to use up

converted- changed in condition or usage

efficient- able to get the results wanted with little effort or time

incredible- impossible or hard to believe

installed- put in place for service or use

renewable- able to be made new again

SPELLING/ PHONICS

prefixes

discourage
disappoint
disbelief
distrust
disloyal
misnumber
mislabel
mislead
misplace
misstep
nonfat
nonfiction
nonstop
nonsense
unable
uncertain
uncomfortable
unclean
uncover
unplug

Essential Question: What has been the role of money over time?

Unit 6 Week 4

Story

The Big Picture of Economics

Genre

Expository Text

Story

"The Miller's Good Luck"

Genre

Folktale

Story

"The History of Money"

Genre

Expository Text

Comprehension Strategy

ask and answer questions

Comprehension Skill

main idea and key details

Vocabulary Strategy

proverbs and adages

Writing Traits

word choice-content words

Grammar

prepositions

Other Skills

Greek and Latin roots, fluency-accuracy

Genre

Expository Text

Vocabulary

currency- the money that is used in a specific country

economics-the study that deals with how money , goods, and services are produced, distributed, and used among people

entrepreneur- one who organizes and runs a business

global- relating to the world; worldwide

invest- to put money towards something that will make more money

marketplace- a place where food and other goods are bought and sold

merchandise- things that are bought and sold; goods

transaction- a business deal that includes buying and selling of something

SPELLING/ PHONICS

suffixes

wireless
sunny
furry
really
hairly
barely
tasteless
handful
lifeless
fitness
hopefully
happiness
fullness
sorrowful
gently
sickness
joyfully
aimless
breathless
certainly

Essential Question: What shapes a person's identity?

Unit 6 Week 5

Story

"The Drum"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Growing Up"

Genre

Poetry

Story

"Climbing Blue Hill"

Genre

Free Verse Poetry

Literary Elements

imagery and personification

Comprehension Skill

theme

Vocabulary Strategy

figurative language

Writing Traits

ideas-supporting details

Grammar

sentences using prepositions

Other Skills

words from around the world,
fluency-phrasing

Genre

Free Verse Poetry

**SPELLING/
PHONICS**

prefixes and
suffixes

unchanged
unnamed
restate
reverse
infrequent
invisible
prepaid
displease
action
oversized
prejudge
interstate
intersect
establishment
deflate
semiweekly
happily
kindness
finally
fearful

Vocabulary

gobble- to eat something quickly in large chunks

individuality-a characteristic that makes one person or things different from another

mist- a mass or cloud of tiny drops of water in the air

roots- origins, where something begins

free verse- poems that have irregular lines and lack patterns

imagery- the use of words to create a picture in the reader's mind

metaphor- compares two unlike things without using *like* or *as*

personification- when human characteristics are given to anything that is not human