

Grade Level: Kindergarten	Unit/Theme: Nine
Topic/Content: Animals All Around	Time Frame: 3 weeks

Essential Framework Standards:

Essential Questions:
What questions point to the identified themes, skills and understandings? What questions provide a broader intellectual focus to the work? What are the different characteristics of animals?

Focus Skills	Focus Strategies
Review: Details Main Idea	Graphic Organizers Story Structure\ Reread

Phonemic Awareness
Review Phoneme Isolation, Identity Phoneme Deletion Phoneme Substitution

Phonics
Short vowel /u/u Word Building (Phonograms –un, -ut) Short vowel /kw/q

Instructional Techniques that further content understanding, interpretation, application, and perception. What should small group instruction look like in this theme/unit? <i>Small group instruction should take place once to twice per week, at a minimum.</i>
Week 25: Teacher Edition Vol. 5: pp. S2 - S7 Phoneme Isolation, Blending and segmenting phonemes; Short Vowel /u/u; High Frequency Words: and, there; Identify details with Leveled Readers; Robust Vocabulary: hollow, scurry, watchful, cling, defend, ravenous; Center Cards: 121 – 125. Week 26: Teacher Edition Vol. 5: pp. S8 – S13 Phoneme Deletion: Initial & Final; Blending and building words (phonograms –un & -ut); High Frequency Words: give, little; Identify details with Leveled Readers; Robust Vocabulary: lively, peek, arise, clever, boastful, quarrel; Center Cards: 126 - 130. Week 27: Teacher Edition Vol. 5: pp. 14 – S19 Phoneme Substitution; Consonant /kw/q; Reading High Frequency Words; Identify Main Idea with Leveled Readers; Review Robust Vocabulary; Center Cards 131 – 135.

Writing Form
Friendly Letter Invitation

Grammar Emphasis

High Frequency Words: and, there, give, little, that, have

Assessment: What evidence will show that the students understand the Essential Questions?

Describe how students will be assessed to demonstrate understanding of the key theme, skills and strategies in this unit.

Relevant Tradebooks

Quick as a Cricket

Leo Lionni: Inch By Inch, It's Mine, An Extraordinary Egg

Eric Carle: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, A House for Hermit Crab, Do You Want to be My Friend?

Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?

Mice Squeak, We Speak

I Went Walking

Interdisciplinary Connections

Science: Animals, including characteristics, change and growth, habitats.

Technology Options