

**Essential Question:** How do new experiences offer new perspectives?

**Unit 1 Week 1**

**Story**

*Little Blog on the Prairie*

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**Story**

"The Writing on the Wall"

**Genre**

Personal Narrative

**Story**

"Cow Music"

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**Comprehension Strategy**

visualize

**Comprehension Skill**

character, setting, plot: compare and contrast

**Vocabulary Strategy**

context clues

**Writing Traits**

Organization-strong openings

**Grammar**

Sentence types

**Other Skills**

fluency: expression and phrasing

**Genre**

Realistic Fiction

**SPELLING/  
PHONICS**

short vowels

gram  
clash  
dense  
dread  
prank  
strict  
drill  
swan  
prod  
shrunk  
scuff  
clutch  
threat  
dwell  
fund  
text  
rank  
brink  
mock  
plaid

**Vocabulary**

**consolation**- something that provides comfort in a time of grief or loss

**glimmer**- a subtle or faint perception; a dim glow

**heinous**- shockingly bad or evil

**indispensable**- absolutely necessary, essential

**perception**- mental or physical awareness or understanding

**phobic**- having a specific fear or aversion

**sarcastic**- using sharp and contemptuous words meant to insult, demean, or make fun of someone

**threshold**- a gate or door; a point of entry or crossing over