

# Weekly Reading & ELA Focus

## Unit Two, Week Five

**Essential Question:** How are writers inspired by animals?

### Weekly Stories:

Dog, The Eagle, Chimpanzee, Rat (Poetry)  
The Sandpiper, Bat, The Grasshopper  
Springs, Fireflies at Dusk (Poetry)  
Fog, White Cat Winter (Poetry)

### Literary Elements

meter and rhyme

### Comprehension Skill

point of view

### Vocabulary Strategy

figurative language

### Writing Traits

organization/logical order

### Grammar

combining sentences

### Other Skills

The Writing Process, mechanics

### Vocabulary

**brittle:** something that is easily broken

**creative:** to show the ability to do something in a new way

**descriptive:** describe or tell about something

**outstretched:** extend to full length

**metaphor:** a comparison of two unlike things

**simile:** comparison using like or as

**rhyme:** words that end with the same sound

**meter:** pattern of syllables in a line of poetry

### Spelling/ Phonics: suffixes

1. acrobatic
2. gymnastic
3. fantastic
4. allergic
5. carefully
6. wonderful
7. beautifully
8. graceful
9. spoonful
10. darkness
11. shapeless
12. ageless
13. illness
14. goodness
15. spotless
16. painless
17. weakness
18. darkest
19. clearest
20. thoughtful

Review: door  
smart  
argue

Challenge: brilliantly  
straightest!