

Second Grade

Vocabulary: Gloria Who Used to be My Best Friend—Test, Thursday 8/25

tease: to annoy continuously

lonely: sad from being alone

seriously: thoughtfully; sincerely

collection: similar things gathered together to study or show others

stiff: something not easily bent; flexible

probably: most likely to happen

Vocabulary :Angel Child, Dragon Child—Test, Thursday 9/1

jangled: made a loud ringing noise

twittered: chattered noisily, sounding like chirping birds

gleamed: was bright and shiny

darted: moved or ran quickly from one place to another

scrawled: wrote quickly but not carefully

margins: empty spaces at the edge of the page: above, below, to the left and right

Vocabulary : The Tree House—Test, Friday 9/9

magnificent: outstanding

marvelous: great, wonderful

beautiful: lovely, pleasing to look at

peered: looked

height: how tall something is

Vocabulary : Rugby and Rosie—Test, Thursday 9/15

commands: short, firm instructions

manners: habits of behavior

proud: feeling very pleased with something

trainers: teacher, coach

graduation: ceremony to mark the completion of a full course of study

Vocabulary : Teammates—Test, Thursday 9/22

exist: to be around

extraordinary: remarkable; very special

intimidate: to make someone feel bad by hurting their feelings

apathetic: not interested; does not care

experiment: a test used to discover something

Vocabulary: The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring—Test, Thursday 9/29

crops: plants grown for food or to sell to make money

decorated: made beautiful by adding fancy things and frills

vacant: empty; abandoned

mound: small hill or pile of dirt, rocks, or other materials

patch: an area different from what is around

Vocabulary: City Critters: Wild Animals Live in Cities, Too—Test, Thursday 10/6

biologist: person who studies how people, other animals, or plants live and grow

skyscraper: very tall building found in the city

urban: having to do with a city or city life

migrating: moving from one place to another, usually when the seasons change

laboratories: places where scientific studies and experiments are done

observations: watching and looking

Vocabulary: Make Way for Ducklings—Test, Thursday 10/13

enormous: very, very, large; huge

delighted: very happy; pleased

cozy: warm and comfortable

bursting: filled and overflowing with strong emotion

responsibility: important job; duty

beckoned: made a sign or signal to someone to have them come closer

Vocabulary: Two Days in May—Test Thursday 10/20

does: female deer

bucks: male deer

territory: an area belonging to a group

relocates: moves to a different place

organizations: a group; association, society

population: the total number of inhabitants of a given area

Vocabulary: Secret Place—Test, Thursday 10/27

shallow: not deep

concrete: a hard building material

slopes: upward or downward slant

plumes: feathers

shadowed: covered in a shadow; partially hidden

wilderness: area undisturbed by human activity

Vocabulary: Through Grandpa's Eyes—Test, Thursday 11/3

carved: to cut carefully

burrow: make a snug, warm place, usually deep and narrow like a tunnel that a rabbit or gopher digs

exercises: physical activity for the sake of fitness

bow: a wooden rod with horsehairs stretched from end to end used in playing a stringed

instrument

imitating: to be or appear like; mimic

sculpture: statue or other art object that is carved or shaped in three dimensions and not flat like a painting

Vocabulary: The Cat Who Became a Poet—Test, Thursday 11/10

poet: person who writes or composes poems

nibbling: taking small bites

alarm: sudden fear; a sense of danger

temperature: degree of hotness or coldness measured with a thermometer

commanded: ordered

burglars: people who steal; thieves

Vocabulary: A Cloak for a Dreamer—Test, Thursday 11/17

fabric: cloth

rectangle: a geometric shape with four right angles; two sides are shorter the other two

pattern: a repeated grouping of shapes

diagonal: the line between opposite corners of a shape that has four even corners

triangles: geometric shapes with three

hexagons: geometric shapes with six sides

Vocabulary: Roxaboxen—Test, Thursday 12/1

ford: to cross by wading

traced: formed carefully; to sketch

mayor: the chief elected official of a city

decorated: added ornamentation; adorned

blossomed: bloomed; produced flowers

bordering: to be lying on the edge of

Vocabulary: A New Coat for Anna—Test, Thursday 12/8

remained: stayed in the same place or stayed the same

strung: stretched from one place to another

wound: wrapped around and around

weaver: a person who makes fabric from thread or yarn

bolt: a roll of cloth

Vocabulary: Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday—Test, Thursday 12/15

tokens: pieces of metal shaped coins, used instead of money

absolutely: without any doubt

positively: for sure; certainly; confidently

rent: to provide the use of something for fee; to pay a fee in order to use something

vanish: disappear

non-returnable: something that can not be taken or given back

Vocabulary: Kids Did it in Business—Test, Friday 1/6

malfunction: no longer work correctly; fail to operate

profitable: gaining money after all the costs of doing business have been paid

merchandise: goods that are bought and sold in business

earnings: money that is paid for doing a job

donates: gives money or objects as a gift

charity: a group that provides help to those in need

Vocabulary: The Cobbler's Song—Test, Thursday 1/12

cobbler: a person who makes or repairs shoes

mended: repaired

recognizing: identifying people we know or previously saw

safekeeping: so as to be protected or safe

workbench: a strong table used for working

treasure: items of great value

Vocabulary: Four Dollars and Fifty Cents—Test, Friday 1/20

blacksmith: a person who makes objects from iron, which is heated and then hammered to the desired shape

collecting: getting payment for a debt

decent: proper; respectable; acceptable to the community

volunteered: offered to do

determined: firm and unwilling to change ; stubbornly continuing as planned

Vocabulary: Uncle Jed's Barbershop—Test, Thursday 1/26

equipment: tools and supplies used for a given purpose

sharecroppers: people who farm someone else's land and are paid with a share of the crops

exchange: trade one thing for another

examine: look in detail

delayed: caused to wait

failing: losing all its money

Vocabulary: A Story, A Story—Test, Thursday 2/2

defenseless: without protection; unguarded

descendants: children, grandchildren, and continuing generations of an original set of parents; those people sharing the same ancestors

tatter: tear; make ragged; rip

flamboyant: overly colorful, showy appearance or behavior

furious: very angry; violent

Vocabulary: Storm in the Night—Test, Thursday 2/9

repeats: something that is done again

brave: having courage

errand: a short trip to do something

overcome: to beat or conquer

natural: not artificial or man-made

Vocabulary: Carving the Pole—Test, Thursday 2/16

symbol: something that represents something else

totem: an animal, plant, or object that is a symbol of a family or tribe

reservation: land set aside by the government for a specific purpose

legends: stories passed down that are not entirely true

generations: one step in the line of descent from a common ancestor

Vocabulary: The Keeping Quilt—Test, Friday 2/24

hauling: pulling or moving with force

artificial: made by people, not natural

handkerchief: cloth used to wipe the nose or face

flavor: a particular taste

bouquet: a bunch of flowers

Vocabulary: Johnny Appleseed—Test, Thursday 3/1

- decade:** period of ten years
- inspired:** filled with a strong, encouraging feeling
- befriended:** became friends
- replenish:** fill up again
- recollections:** something remembered; memories

Vocabulary: Aunt Flossie's Hat (and Crab Cakes Later)—Test, Friday 3/9

- memories:** things and times remembered
- trillion:** one thousand times one billion
- terrapins:** turtles that live mainly in rivers and ponds
- buglers:** people who play the bugle or trumpet
- rescue:** to save or free

Vocabulary: Country Mouse and City Mouse—Test, Thursday 3/15

- sensible:** having or showing good sense
- morsel:** a tiny bit; a small portion
- quantity:** a number or amount
- condescending:** with an attitude of superiority, acting so proud of oneself that others may get their feelings hurt
- splendid:** magnificent; glorious
- scurried:** moved quickly as if in a great hurry; moved all in a flutter

Vocabulary: Heartland—Test, Thursday 3/22

- fertile:** able to produce a rich harvest
- hues:** colors
- converge:** come together at the same location; meet
- merge:** unite; combine; blend together
- vital:** absolutely necessary to life
- reigns:** rules

Vocabulary: Leah's Pony—Test, Thursday 4/5

- saddle:** a seat for riding on a horse
- girth:** measurement around an object
- pasture:** land where animals graze
- auction:** a public sale at which things are sold to the person who offers the most money
- gullies:** a narrow ditch made by flowing water
- cultivate:** prepare and use land for growing vegetables, flowers, or other crops

Vocabulary: Cows in the Parlor—Test, Thursday 4/12

graze: to feed on growing grass

bales: large bundles of things tied together

silo: a tall, round tower for storing feed for farm animals

parlor: the room where cows are milked

automatic: operating by itself

frisky: full of energy

Vocabulary: Just Plain Fancy—Test, Thursday 4/19

reins: straps that drive horses that pull a carriage

nestled: sheltered safely; snuggled

frolic: a carefree and fun time

constantly: all the time; continually; again and again

haltingly: without confidence; starting over repeatedly, but with short stops or breaks between efforts

Vocabulary: If You're Not From the Prairie—Test, Thursday 4/26

prairie: flat or rolling land covered with grass

dugouts: shelter made by digging a hole in the ground or side of a hill

grains: seed of wheat, corn, rice, oats, or other cereal plants

drifts: piles caused by winds

conquered: defeated