

| Essential Question(s)/Big Idea | Meaningful Text(s) |
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| How do living things depend upon each other to satisfy their needs? | Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter The Tree Lady by H. Joseph Hopkins The Curious Garden by Peter Brown Lion's At Lunchtime by Mary Pope Osborne Buffalos Before Breakfast by Mary Pope Osborne The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein |
| Power Standards | Additional Learning Goals |
| L.17.1 Compare and contrast the basic needs that all living things, including humans, have for survival. RL.1.2 Recount stories including fables and folktales from diverse cultures and determine the central message, lesson or moral. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing. | N.1.1 Raise questions about the natural world, investigate them in teams through free exploration and systematic observations, and generate appropriate explanations based on those explorations.RL1.1 and RI.1.1 Ask and Answer questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. |
| Written and Artistic Products | Culminating Experience |
| Poet-tree Storyboards Summaries Leaf Bug Writing Plant journal/experiment Daily Reflections Cinquain Poems Acrostic Poems Shape Poems | Alive Reading Dramatic retell of Leaf Bug Story Poet-tree sharing |
| Unit Vocabulary | |
| Curious, dreary, delicate, blossomed, belong, interdependence, sheltered, sustain, lush, volunteers, passion, barren, | |

convinces, protect, seedling, maize, nursery