Can nature bring out the best in a character?

**Main Selection:**
“Old Yeller”

**Connect to Media:**
“What Makes It Good?”

**Big Idea**
Nature deserves our respect.

**Essential Question**
Can nature bring out the best in a character?

**TARGET VOCABULARY**
- frantic
- lunging
- stride
- checking
- wheeled
- picturing

**TARGET SKILL**
Understanding Characters

**TARGET STRATEGY**
Visualize

**Comprehension**
- **TARGET SKILL**
  - Understanding Characters
- **TARGET STRATEGY**
  - Visualize

**Spelling**
- **More Vowel + /r/ Sounds**
  - earth
  - peer
  - twirl
  - burnt
  - smear
  - further
  - appear
  - worthwhile
  - nerve
  - pier
  - squirm
  - weary
  - alert
  - murmur
  - thirsty
  - reverse
  - worship
  - career
  - research
  - volunteer

**Fluency**
- Intonation

**Decoding**
- Vowel + /r/ Sounds

**Grammar**
- Direct and Indirect Objects

**Writing**
- Write to Respond
  - Focus Trait: Word Choice
  - frantic
  - bounding
  - lunging
  - strained
  - checking
  - romp
  - wheeled
  - picturing

**Vocabulary Strategies**
- Idioms