

**Date:** April

<b>Topic:</b> Animal Partnerships	<b>Audience:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Scientists
<b>Purpose:</b> To inform	<b>Title:</b>
<b>Standards &amp; Curriculum Connection:</b> <b>2.W.2.</b> – Informational writing <b>2.RI.10</b> – Read informational text <b>Reach</b> – Unit 7: Best Buddies <b>Big Question:</b> How do living things depend on each other? <b>Background lessons:</b> Connect to shared and leveled reading lessons <b>Sources:</b> Big Book – Animal Partnerships (week 3 T440a-c) <b>Grammar</b> – Varied sentence structure <b>Vocabulary</b> – See Academic & Science Vocabulary for Reach Unit 7 <b>High Frequency Words</b> –	

Benchmark Focus		
<b>Process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses a planning strategy</li> <li>• Plans with words, phrases &amp; graphics</li> <li>• Uses a variety of sources</li> </ul>	<b>Surface Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spells unknown words using knowledge of word structures</li> <li>• Uses a variety of punctuation</li> </ul>	<b>Content:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing is logically sequenced within I/B/C</li> <li>• Contains introductory statement that engages the reader</li> <li>• Writes detailed, factual information relevant to topic</li> <li>• Uses varied sentence structures</li> </ul>

**Introduction:**

- ? Ostrich, zebra together
- Partnership for protection
- Different species

**Body: Important Facts and Supporting Details**  
**Facts, evidence from sources –text or video**  
**Elaborate by adding details that support the fact stated**

- Use senses
- Ostrich eyesight – 2 miles
- Hearing - weak



- Zebras – excellent hearing
- Ears turn any direction
- Limited night vision



- Warn for predators
- Ostrich – day watch
- Zebra – listen at night



## Conclusion

- Rely on strengths
- Unique partnership
- Both win



## Writing:

Have you ever seen an ostrich hanging out with a zebra? Sometimes different species form unusual partnerships for important reasons like protection. The ostrich and zebra use their senses to help each other avoid danger. Ostriches have keen eyesight in the daylight that allows them to spot predators from more than 2 miles away. However, they have weak hearing. Zebras on the other hand have excellent hearing because they can turn their ears in any direction to detect danger, even at night when vision is limited. The ostrich and zebra stick together to warn each other about approaching predators like lions and cheetahs. The ostrich keeps watch during the day while the zebra listens for threats at night. These animals have learned to rely on each other's strengths to stay alive. This unique partnership is a win-win situation!