

Additional Readings:

Week 1

By the Authors and Illustrators

Rickert, Janet Elizabeth. *Russ and the Apple Tree*. Woodbine, 1999. Russ wants a swing set in his backyard instead of an apple tree. However, the day comes when he and his father pick apples and Russ discovers a surprise.

Related to the Theme

Beck, Scott. *Little House, Little Town*. Abrams, 2004. Small town life is depicted cheerfully as the people in the neighborhood go about their daily activities; accompanied by appealing illustrations.

Crews, Nina. *The Neighborhood Mother Goose*. Greenwillow, 2004. Forty-one familiar Mother Goose rhymes are presented on a background of colorfully photographed neighborhood scenes with children.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *Hi, Cat! Viking*, 1999. Archie meets a stray cat, on his way to play with his friends, who becomes his pet by the time he gets home.

Treays, Rebecca. *My Street*. Educational Development Corporation, 1999. A young girl goes on an adventure and explores the street she lives on.

Tresselt, Alvin. *Wake Up! City*. HarperCollins, 1990. This describes all the things that happen in a city as it wakes up to a new morning.

Willems, Mo. *Knuffle Bunny*. Hyperion Books, 2004. Trixie is enjoying her time with her Daddy as they go to the laundromat, until she realizes on the way home that she doesn't have her favorite stuffed animal.



Theme Bibliography

Week 2	Week 3
<p>Gomi, Taro. <i>Spring Is Here</i>. Chronicle Books, 1999. The themes of growth and renewal are explored through the illustrations of a young calf as he grows with each passing season.</p>	<p>Mellage, Nanette. <i>Coming Home: A Story of Josh Gibson, Baseball's Greatest Home Run Hitter</i>. Troll, 2002. The story of one of the greatest hitters in baseball comes to life. Cornelius Van Wright's watercolor illustrations add an evocative and tender sensibility to the story.</p>
<p>Ajmera, Maya. <i>Be My Neighbor</i>. Charlesbridge, 2004. This shows the functions of a community and the variety of neighborhoods throughout the world.</p>	<p>Banks, Kate. <i>The Night Worker</i>. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2000. Alex looks forward to the night he can go to work with his father, who is an engineer and wears a hard hat.</p>
<p>Caseley, Judith. <i>On the Town</i>. Greenwillow, 2002. For a homework assignment, Charlie and his mother explore their town and write down what they see.</p>	<p>Heo, Yumi. <i>One Afternoon</i>. Orchard Books, 1998. Young Minho and his mother do their errands around town, as he absorbs all the sights and sounds of their city.</p>
<p>Enderle, Judith Ross and Gordon, Stephanie Jacob. <i>Something's Happening on Calabash Street</i>. Chronicle Books, 2000. Each person on Calabash Street is bringing a different ethnic food to the street fair.</p>	<p>Kalman, Bobbie. <i>Community Helpers from A to Z</i>. Crabtree Publishing, 1997. Careers from A to Z are explained in this photo-essay, which shows people working at their jobs.</p>
<p>Fleischman, Paul, and Hawkes, Kevin. <i>Sidewalk Circus</i>. Candlewick Press, 2004. A young girl watches from a bus stop as the circus performers prepare the acts that will soon appear in town.</p>	<p>Rockwell, Anne. <i>At the Firehouse</i>. HarperCollins, 2003. Captain Jack describes what takes place at the firehouse to Jason and his friend, Camilla, using dalmatians as the characters in this colorfully illustrated story.</p>
<p>Sis, Peter. <i>Madlenka</i>. Frances Foster, 2000. Madlenka goes around the block in her multicultural neighborhood showing her loose tooth to friends and vendors; feeling as if she is taking a trip around the world.</p>	<p>Rockwell, Anne. <i>Career Day</i>. HarperCollins, 2000. Children introduce the different careers that members of their family have such as a judge, a nurse, a veterinarian, and a construction worker.</p>
<p>Slate, Joseph. <i>Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten</i>. Puffin, 2001. Miss Bindergarten takes her class on a field trip around their town to visit the post office, library, and fire station. They meet the people who work in each place.</p>	<p>Zimmerman, Andrea. <i>Dig!</i> Harcourt, 2004. Mr. Rally has several jobs that need his attention around town. He tends to his tasks with his digging machine and the help of his dog, <i>Lightning</i>.</p>