

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

*****Banks, Kate. *Mama's Coming Home*. Farrar, 2003.** Mom is at work and Dad is at home with the kids and everyone, including the dog and the cat, are excited about seeing one another at the end of the day.

Brown, Margaret Wise. Illustrated by David Diaz. *The Little Scarecrow Boy*. Joanna Cotler, 1998. A tale about a scarecrow who cannot go to the fields with his father but must stay at home to practice scary faces.

Related to the Theme

Arnosky, Jim. *A Manatee Morning*. Simon and Schuster, 2000. A manatee mother and her baby swim past other animals in the river; told in simple, rhyming text.

Brett, Jan. *Hedgie's Surprise*. Putnam, 2000. Hedgie, a hedgehog, helps a hen outsmart a tomten who has been taking all of Henny's eggs.

Arnosky, Jim. *Little Lions*. Putnam, 1998. As the baby mountain lions play, their mother watches and protects them; written in very simple text.

Gerstein, Mordicai. *Daisy's Garden*. Hyperion, 1995. A young girl is eager to share her garden with all of the animals who have helped her nurture it.

Kavanagh, Peter. *I Love My Mama*. Simon & Schuster, 2003. A baby elephant describes how he and his mother spend time together.

Herman, Gail. *The Lion and the Mouse*. Random House, 1998. The well-known fable of how the lion and the mouse become friends because they help each other when in trouble.

McMullan, Kate. *If You Were My Bunny*. Scholastic, 2005. A mother tells her baby that she would care for it, even if it were a different kind of animal.

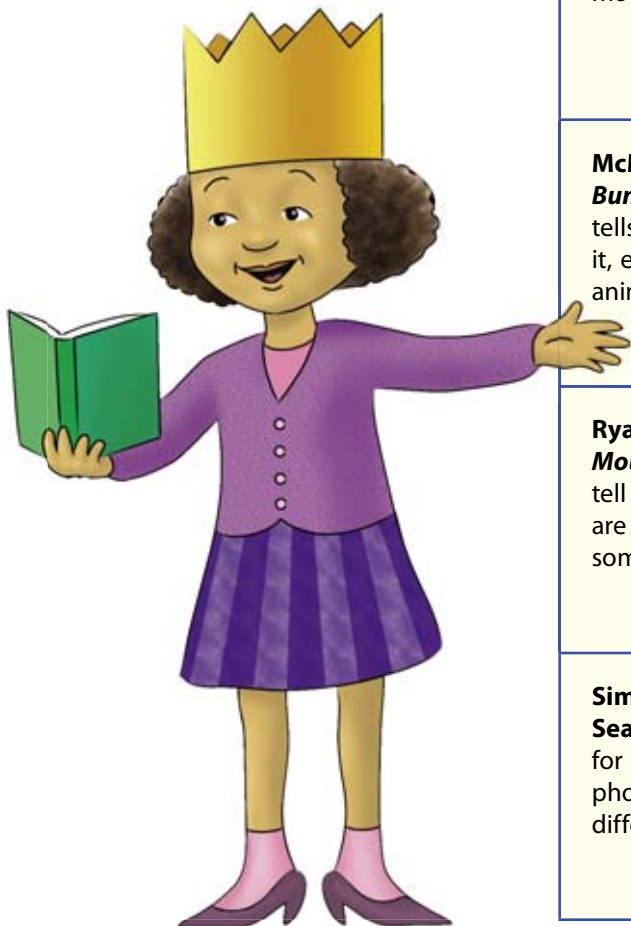
Oller, Erika. *The Cabbage Soup Solution*. Dutton Children's Books, 2004. Elsie's cats solve the mystery of who it is that is stealing the cabbages in the garden.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *A Pinky Is a Baby Mouse*. Hyperion, 1997. Rhymes that tell about what certain baby animals are called, with a chance to guess at some, too.

Shannon, George. *Tippy-Toe Chick, Go!* Greenwillow Books, 2003. The smallest member of the chicken family turns out to be the bravest when it comes to chasing the mean dog away.

Simon, Seymour. *Baby Animals*. SeaStar Books, 2002. Simple text for beginning readers and colorful photographs present information on different baby animals.

Simmons, Jane. *Ebb and Flo and the Baby Seal*. McElderry, 2002. It's up to Ebb to help a lost baby seal find her mother.



***Big Book

WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>**Swinburne, Stephen. <i>Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes</i>. Boyds Mills Press, 2002. A beautiful photo-essay and introduction to pattern recognition using animals.</p>	<p>Miranda, Anne. <i>To Market, To Market</i>. Harcourt, 1997. An elderly woman makes a series of unfortunate purchases in the form of different animals and suffers a series of mishaps.</p>	<p>Yee, Wong Herbert. <i>Mrs. Brown Went to Town</i>. Houghton, 1996. While Mrs. Brown is away, her animals vote to move into her house and cause nonstop mayhem.</p>
<p>Arnosky, Jim. <i>Armadillo's Orange</i>. Putnam, 2003. An armadillo knew how to find his home by the orange that had fallen in front of it, until the day that the orange was no longer there.</p>	<p>Ancona, George. <i>Let's Dance! Morrow Jr. Books</i>, 1998. A simple and colorful photo-essay about various forms of dance.</p>	<p>Capucelli, Alyssa. <i>Little Spotted Cat</i>. Dial Books, 2005. Little Spotted Cat gets into all kinds of mischief when he decides to play instead of taking a nap.</p>
<p>Crimi, Carolyn. <i>Get Busy, Beaver! Orchard Books</i>, 2004. While his family members are all busy making a new dam, young Thelonious takes time to smell the flowers.</p>	<p>Edwards, Pamela Duncan. <i>Bravo, Livingstone Mouse! Hyperion Books</i>, 2000. The creatures of the woods are preparing to put on a dance performance, but Livingstone Mouse thinks he can save the show.</p>	<p>Egan, Tim. <i>Serious Farm</i>. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. The animals on Farmer Fred's farm devise different plans to make their life on the farm more fun.</p>
<p>Duke, Kate. <i>If You Walk Down This Road</i>. Dutton Children's Books, 1993. As you walk down the road, you come to Lizard's log, Fox's den, and many other animals' homes.</p>	<p>Gershator, Phillis. <i>The Babysitter Sings</i>. Henry Holt, 2004. On each page the babysitter sings another rhyme to a crying baby.</p>	<p>Feifer, George. <i>Bark, George</i>. HarperCollins, 1999. George, a dog, is trying to bark, but all that comes out are the sounds of other animals.</p>
<p>George, Lindsay Barrett. <i>Around the Pond: Who Lives Here?</i> Greenwillow, 1996. A young boy and girl follow a path in the woods around a pond and use clues to guess which animals had been there.</p>	<p>Hest, Amy. <i>Mabel Dancing</i>. Candlewick Press, 2000. Mama and Papa are having a dance party, but after Mabel is tucked in, she hears the music and joins in the dancing.</p>	<p>Prelutsky, Jack, selected by. <i>For Laughing Out Louder: More Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone</i>. A collection of humorous poems by well-known authors.</p>
<p>Schaefer, Carole Lee. <i>Down in the Woods at Sleepytime</i>. Candlewick Press, 2000. Although it is bedtime for the animals in the woods, not one of the baby animals wants to go to sleep.</p>	<p>Hopkins, Lee Bennett, selected by. <i>Song and Dance</i>. Simon & Schuster, 1997. A gathering of poems about singing and dancing, by well-known poets.</p>	<p>Rovetch, Lissa. <i>Ook the Book and Other Silly Rhymes</i>. Chronicle Books, 2001. The 12 humorous rhymes and silly illustrations are fun to read and listen to.</p>
<p>Schofield, Jennifer, ed. <i>Animal Babies in Grasslands</i>. Kingfisher, 2004. Written in simple text; a baby animal describes his mother, inviting the reader to guess who his mother is.</p>	<p>Wilson, Karma. <i>Hilda Must Be Dancing</i>. Margaret McElderry, 2004. When Hilda Hippo dances, the jungle floor shakes and rumbles, so the other animals urge her to take up a different hobby.</p>	<p>Stevenson, James. <i>No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling</i>. Frances Foster, 2004. Mr. Frumdimpney is a crocodile who never laughs and makes all of the rules for reading this book, which result in a humorous telling.</p>

**Classroom Library Title