

## Additional Readings:

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### By the Authors and Illustrators

**Bynum, Janie. *Otis*. Harcourt, 2000.** Poor Otis has trouble fitting in. He's the only neat pig among his messy family of pigs, but he finds a friend in Little Frog, who is just like him.

\*\*\***Horse, Harry. *A Friend for Little Bear*. Candlewick, 1997.** Little Bear is alone on a desert island and pulls ashore all types of objects that float by, including a wooden horse who becomes his playmate.

#### Related to the Theme

**Hobbie, Holly. *Toot and Puddle: You Are My Sunshine*. Little, Brown & Co., 1999.** Toot is moping, but his friend Puddle is doing everything possible to cheer him up.

**Baer, Edith. *This Is the Way We Eat Our Lunch*. Scholastic, 1995.** Rhyming text describes what children eat for lunch in different countries.

**Jahn-Clough, Lisa. *Alicia's Best Friends*. Houghton Mifflin, 2003.** Alicia's four friends want her to choose which one of them is really her best friend.

**Feldman, Eve B. *Birthdays! Celebrating Life Around the World*. BridgeWater Books, 1996.** Simple text and illustrations by children around the globe show how each celebrates her or his birthday.

**King, Stephen Michael. *Henry and Amy*. Walker & Co., 1998.** Henry and Amy are different in many ways but enjoy a great friendship.

**Hollyer, Beatrice. *Wake Up, World: A Day in the Life of Children Around the World*. Henry Holt, 1999.** Similarities and differences are made apparent as children in different parts of the world share details of their daily lives.

**Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. *Frank and Izzy Set Sail*. Candlewick, 2004.** A rabbit and a bear, two friends with very different traits, develop an appreciation for each other on a camping trip.

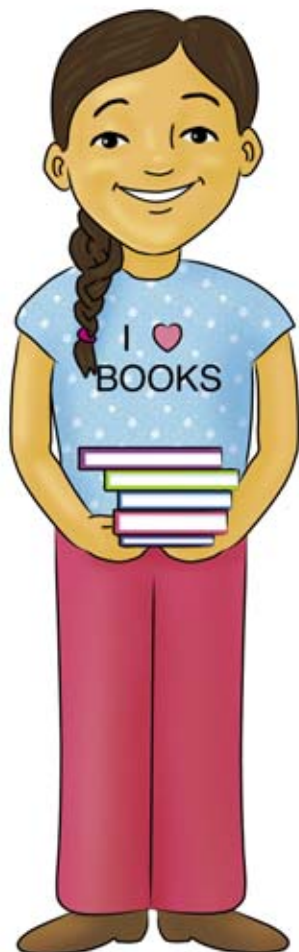
**Miller, J. Philip. *We All Sing in the Same Voice*. HarperCollins, 2000.** No matter what children look like or where they are from, they are really the same in ways that are important.

**McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: Two Good Friends*. Dial Books, 2003.** An easy-to-read book about a rabbit and a mouse who build a robot for their science project.

**Montanari, Donata. *Children Around the World*. Kids Can Press, 2001.** Children from many different countries are featured, describing how they live and play.

**Zolotow, Charlotte. *My Friend John*. Doubleday, 2000.** John's best friend tells all of the reasons he considers John such a good friend.

**Morris, Ann. *Play*. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1998.** A series of colorful photographs show various forms of relaxation and play in different countries.



\*\*\*Big Book

### WEEK 3

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### WEEK 5

<p><b>***Dillon, Leo &amp; Diane. <i>Rap A Tap Tap</i>. Blue Sky Press, 2002.</b> The illustrations and rhyme describe Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, who was one of the most famous dancers of all time.</p>	<p><b>Marcuse, Aida. <i>Pecos Bill</i>. Rayo, 1995.</b> Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill are retold, from his childhood to his unusual wedding day.</p>	<p><b>Cooper, Floyd. <i>Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan</i>. Philomel, 2004.</b> This is a picture book biography that gives details of Jordan’s childhood and adolescence that helped him become a basketball legend.</p>
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<p><b>Asch, Frank. <i>The Sun Is My Favorite Star</i>. Harcourt, 2000.</b> A young child tells all the reasons to love the sun; written in simple sentences.</p>	<p><b>Anholt, Catherine, and Anholt, Laurence. <i>Big Book of Families</i>. Candlewick, 1998.</b> All different families are celebrated in verse.</p>	<p><b>Bynum, Janie. <i>Altoona Up North</i>. Harcourt, 2001.</b> A fun read aloud about a baboon who goes to visit her aunt with friends in a hot-air balloon.</p>
<p><b>Bulla, Clyde Robert. <i>What Makes a Shadow?</i> HarperCollins, 1994.</b> The concept of how a shadow is formed is explained in simple language.</p>	<p><b>Hoberman, Mary Ann. <i>Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers</i>. Joy Street Books, 1991.</b> A collection of humorous poems that pay tribute to every family member.</p>	<p><b>Clements, Andrew. <i>Because Your Daddy Loves You</i>. Clarion Books, 2005.</b> The loving and caring ways of a father are described on each page through different experiences.</p>
<p><b>Chorao, Kay. <i>Shadow Night</i>. Dutton, 2001.</b> James has a scary time at bedtime watching shadows from the moonlight until his mother and father show him how to make his own shapes on the wall.</p>	<p><b>Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. <i>A Family Like Yours</i>. Boyds Mills Press, 2002.</b> Simple verses describe different kinds of families; some showing animal families and some with people.</p>	<p><b>Fleming, Candace. <i>Smile, Lily</i>. Atheneum Books, 2004.</b> Each member of the family tries to get the baby to stop crying; written in rhyme.</p>
<p><b>Cobb, Vicki. <i>I See Myself</i>. HarperCollins, 2002.</b> How light and reflection work is explained in simple terms.</p>	<p><b>Morris, Ann. <i>Families</i>. HarperCollins, 2000.</b> Through colorful photographs taken around the world, families are presented doing things together and showing how they are alike and different.</p>	<p><b>Juster, Norton. <i>Hello, Goodbye Window</i>. Hyperion, 2005.</b> A young girl, narrating the story, tells of the fun she has visiting her grandparents in their big house.</p>
<p><b>Paul, Ann Whitford. <i>Shadows Are About</i>. Scholastic Inc., 1992.</b> Shadows are everywhere during the sunlit hours of the day, but at night the shadows disappear; told in simple text.</p>	<p><b>Skutch, Robert. <i>Who’s in a Family?</i> Tricycle Press, 1995.</b> All sizes and variations of families are presented; written in simple text and attractively illustrated.</p>	<p><b>Rylant, Cynthia. <i>Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees</i>. Simon &amp; Schuster, 1997.</b> Henry, his dog, and his family attend a family reunion.</p>
<p><b>Swinburne, Stephen R. <i>Guess Whose Shadow?</i> Boyds Mills Press, 1999.</b> What a shadow is; with an invitation to guess the object making the shadow.</p>	<p><b>Sweeney, Joan. <i>Me and My Family Tree</i>. Crown, 1999.</b> A child explains how each of the members of her family is related to her, using a family tree.</p>	<p><b>Shields, Carol Diggory. <i>Lucky Pennies and Chocolate</i>. Dutton Children’s Books, 2000.</b> Grandfather tells about the things he likes to do when his grandson comes to visit.</p>

# Theme Bibliography