

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Arnosky, Jim. *Rabbits and Raindrops*. Putnam, 2001. Five baby rabbits emerge from their nest for the first time, only to be greeted by rain.

BEYOND

Garland, Michael. *Circus Girl*. Dutton, 1993. Alice and her family work in a circus and keep busy as it moves from town to town.

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Related to the Theme

Holub, Joan. *Why Do Birds Sing? Dial Books*, 2004. Fascinating questions are asked and answered about the various kinds of birds and their habits in an independent reading format.

BEYOND

Gibbons, Gail. *Recycle! A Handbook for Kids*. Little, Brown, 1992. The process of recycling is explained from start to finish with clear, colorful illustrations.

BEYOND

James, Simon. *The Birdwatchers*. Candlewick Press, 2002. A young girl decides to accompany her grandfather when he goes birdwatching to see what her grandfather finds so amazing.

ON LEVEL

Jacobs, Francine. *Follow That Trash: All About Recycling*. Grosset and Dunlap, 1996. A book about how to help the community and the world by recycling.

BEYOND

Posada, Mia. *Robins: Songbirds of Spring*. Carolrhoda Books, 2004. Appealing illustrations and simple rhymed text combine to describe the habits of the robin.

ON LEVEL

Robinson, Fay. *Recycle That! Childrens Press*, 1995. In an easy-to-read format, this small rookie Read-About book describes what happens to certain items that we throw away.

ON LEVEL

Rockwell, Anne. *Two Blue Jays*. Walker & Co., 2003. The children in Miss Dana's class are able to watch two blue jays build a nest, observe the female lay eggs, and then see them feed their young.

BEYOND

Seltzer, Milton. *Here Comes the Recycle Truck*. Albert Whitman, 1992. Elisa drives the recycling truck, picking up objects to bring them to the recycling center.

BEYOND

Ryder, Joanne. *Wild Birds*. HarperCollins, 2003. All of the different places wild birds go are observed by a young girl; written in rich descriptive language.

BEYOND

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. *Count Down to Clean Up!* Houghton Mifflin, 2001. Rabbits from one to ten prepare to clean up.

APPROACHING

Sayre, April Pulley. *The Hungry Hummingbird*. The Millbrook Press, 2001. The hummingbird, in search of food, tries to feed on many different flowers before finding food.

ON LEVEL

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. *Recycle Every Day!* Marshall Cavendish, 2003. Minna's entire rabbit family gets involved in recycling when Minna enters a poster contest.

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WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>***Cowley, Joy. <i>Red-Eyed Tree Frog</i>. Scholastic, 1999. This particular frog, who lives in Central America, has to be careful when he searches for food that he doesn't become dinner for another creature living in the forest.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>***Simont, Marc. <i>The Stray Dog</i>. HarperTrophy, 2003. Here is a sweet, simple tale of puppy love and the family that gives a dog what he wants most, a home.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>McDermott, Gerald. <i>Zomo, the Rabbit</i>. Voyager, 1996. In this trickster tale from Nigeria, Zomo wishes for wisdom and is given three impossible tasks.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Asch, Frank. <i>Like a Windy Day</i>. Harcourt, 2002. A young girl wants to experience all of the things the wind can do; written in simple sentences.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Krensky, Stephen. <i>Ben Franklin and His First Kite</i>. Aladdin, 2002. An independent reader about how Ben Franklin, at age ten, experimented with kites.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Downard, Barry. <i>The Little Red Hen</i>. Simon & Schuster, 2004. The classic story of the Little Red Hen who could not get her barnyard friends to help her plant the wheat.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Cobb, Vicki. <i>I Face the Wind</i>. HarperCollins, 2003. Characteristics of wind are described in easy terms, using an interactive text and simple experiments.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. <i>Snowflake Bentley</i>. Houghton Mifflin, 1998. An attractively illustrated picture book biography of the man who studied and photographed snowflakes.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Finch, Mary, reteller. <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>. Barefoot Books, 2001. The traditional tale of the three billy goats who trick the troll living under the bridge.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Plourde, Lynn. <i>Snow Day</i>. Simon & Schuster, 2001. A family shares an enjoyable day inside and outside because of the snow that has fallen.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>McKissack, Patricia, and McKissack, Frederick. <i>George Washington Carver: The Peanut Scientist</i>. Enslow Publishing, 1991. A brief biography of the man who was a farmer, scientist, and teacher.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Forest, Heather, reteller. <i>Stone Soup</i>. August House LittleFolk, 1998. Two hungry strangers devise a scheme that enables them to share delicious soup with the townspeople.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Schaefer, Lola. <i>This Is the Rain</i>. Greenwillow, 2001. Written in cumulative text, this is a description of how clouds form water, which then falls as rain.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Murphy, Patricia M. <i>Peeking at Plants with a Scientist</i>. Enslow, 2004. Scientist Peter Raven helps to answer a question about plants on each page.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Miles, Betty. <i>The Sky Is Falling</i>. Aladdin, 1998. A retelling of this classic cumulative tale about a chicken who starts the rumor that the sky is falling.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Walker, Rob D. <i>Once Upon a Cloud</i>. Scholastic, 2005. A very imaginative description of all of the shapes clouds can be; written in rhyme.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Selsam, Millicent. <i>Gregg's Microscope</i>. HarperCollins, 1991. An independent reader about a boy who receives a microscope for his birthday and enjoys looking at objects through it.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Walker, Richard, and Sharkey, Niamh. <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>. Barefoot Books, 1999. A retelling of a familiar tale.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Wolff, Ferida. <i>It Is the Wind</i>. HarperCollins, 2005. Repetitive verse on each page asks what the noise is in a young boy's room.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Wells, Rosemary. <i>The Germ Busters</i>. Hyperion, 2002. When Yoko and some classmates get sick, their teacher seeks help from the science teacher.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Ziefert, Harriet, reteller. <i>The Turnip</i>. Penguin Books, 1996. One of an old man's turnips grows to be such a large size that he needs the help of everyone to pull it out of the ground.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>

***Big Book