

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. *Hop Jump*. Harcourt, 1993. Betsy, the frog, is tired of hopping and jumping and starts to imitate the swirling, turning, and twisting of leaves that she calls dancing. It's not long before her frog friends join in.

ON LEVEL

Manushkin, Fran. *The Little Sleepyhead*. Dutton, 2004. Some forest friends help a very sleepy little boy find a place to rest his head in this timeless story.

ON LEVEL

Related to the Theme

Allen, Judy. *Are You a Ladybug?* Backyard Books, 2000. Appealing close-up illustrations help show the life cycle of the ladybug.

ON LEVEL

Asch, Frank. *The Sun Is My Favorite Star*. Harcourt, 2000. All of the wondrous features of the sun; as seen through the eyes of a small child.

APPROACHING

Barner, Bob. *Bug Safari*. Holiday House, 2004. A young boy follows a trail of ants and imagines he is following a safari.

BEYOND

Branley, Franklyn M. *The Big Dipper*. HarperCollins, 1991. This beginning reading level of the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out science series explains simple facts about the Big Dipper.

BEYOND

Hazen, Lynn E. *Buzz Bumblebee to the Rescue*. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2005. Buzz Bumblebee discovers that he has protective instincts toward Baby Bumble, when the baby bee gets into trouble.

ON LEVEL

Colon, Raul. *Orson Blasts Off!* Atheneum, 2004. A young boy has an outer space adventure with a toy companion in this imaginative story.

ON LEVEL

Sturges, Philomen. *I Love Bugs!* HarperCollins, 2005. A boy discovers that each and every bug that he finds has something interesting about it.

APPROACHING

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Blast Off! Poems About Space*. HarperCollins, 1995. A collection of poems about the sun, the moon, and the planets, in an easy-to-read format.

ON LEVEL

Swope, Sam. *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. When a tiny bug emerges from an egg, she knows she has to get to Mexico when she changes to a butterfly.

BEYOND

Murphy, Patricia J. *Exploring Space with an Astronaut*. Enslow, 2004. Astronaut Eileen Collins answers questions as she leads the reader on an exploration of outer space.

BEYOND

Ziefert, Harriet. *Bugs, Beetles, and Butterflies*. Puffin Books, 1998. Simple, rhymed text introduces different kinds of bugs, beetles, and butterflies.

APPROACHING

Simon, Seymour. *Planets Around the Sun*. SeaStar Books, 2002. An introduction to the planets that travel around the sun; accompanied by dramatic photographs.

APPROACHING



WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>***Johnson, Angela. <i>When I Am Old with You.</i> Scholastic, 1993. An African American girl enjoys spending time and doing things with her grandfather.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Hewett, Joan. <i>A Penguin Chick Grows Up.</i> Carolrhoda, 2004. Simple text and photos introduce the reader to a charming newborn penguin.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Yee, Brenda Shannon. <i>Hide and Seek.</i> Orchard, 2001. Although neither one wants to confront the other, a tiny mouse and his eccentric housemate play a game of hide and seek with each other.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Banks, Kate. <i>The Night Worker.</i> Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. Alex wishes for the night he can wear a hard hat and work with his father on his night job.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Axworthy, Anni. <i>Guess What I'll Be?</i> Candlewick Press, 1998. Young readers will enjoy looking through the peepholes on each page to guess what each animal will grow up to be.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Crum, Shutta. <i>The House in the Meadow.</i> Albert Whitman & Co., 2003. Inspired by the traditional counting poem, this version is about a young couple and the people who they employed to build a new house.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Dodds, Dayle Ann. <i>Minnie's Diner.</i> Candlewick, 2004. Five boys, involved in their chores, run to eat when they smell the good cooking odors coming from Minnie's Diner.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Bauer, Marion Dane. <i>If You Were Born a Kitten.</i> Simon & Schuster, 1997. Twelve kinds of baby animals are shown after being born.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Dahl, Michael. <i>One Big Building: A Counting Book About Construction.</i> Picture Window Books, 2004. This counting book goes from 1 to 12 stories high, describing the supplies and people needed to construct a building.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Hennessey, B. D. <i>Road Builders.</i> Viking, 1994. All kinds of trucks and people on the construction site work to build a road.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Hewett, Joan. <i>A Monkey Baby Grows Up.</i> Carolrhoda, 2004. Children are introduced to a red-crowned mangabey, which is a type of monkey found in Africa.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Gibbons, Gail. <i>How a House Is Built. Holiday House, 1990.</i> Starting with the frame of the house, the step-by-step process of how a house is built is combined with text and illustrations.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Johnson, D. B. <i>Henry Works.</i> Houghton Mifflin, 2004. On his way to work, Henry, a bear modeled after Henry Thoreau, tends to very important tasks, even though his friends think he is not working.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>James, Betsy. <i>Tadpoles.</i> Dutton Children's Books, 1999. When Molly begins tending to some tadpoles she found in a pond, she also discovers that her baby brother has a similar way of growing.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Johnson, D. B. <i>Henry Builds a Cabin.</i> Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Young Henry Thoreau seems frugal to his friends when he builds his own home, but it turns out to be just perfect for Henry.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>L'Hommedieu, Arthur John. <i>Working at a Museum.</i> Children's Press, 1998. Some of the people who work at the Brooklyn Children's Museum are introduced in this colorful photo-essay.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Powell, Jillian. <i>From Chick to Chicken.</i> Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 2001. A description of how a little chick grows from the time the mother hen lays the egg, using wonderful photographs.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Shulman, Lisa. <i>Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop.</i> Putnam, 2002. A twist on the well-known nursery song; only this one is about how a female Old MacDonald uses tools in her farm shop, accompanied by the appropriate sounds.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Zimmerman, Andrea. <i>Trashy Town.</i> HarperCollins, 1999. A lively, appealing story about how a trash collector does his job all over town.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Rosen, Michael. <i>Three Feet Small. Gulliver, 2005.</i> A young bear who is frustrated by how small he is soon becomes aware that he has been growing gradually all along.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Tarsky, Sue. <i>The Busy Building Book.</i> Putnam, 1998. The building of a skyscraper is described; combined with appealing collage art.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>

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