

## Additional Readings

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### By the Authors and Illustrators

**Danneberg, Julie. *First Year Letters*. Charlesbridge, 2003.** A teacher's first year is related in a series of humorous letters through short notes written by her students and colleagues.

ON LEVEL

**Pak, Soyung. *Sumi's First Day of School*. Viking, 2003.** Sumi realizes the first day of school isn't scary when she meets a considerate teacher and a new friend.

ON LEVEL

#### Related to the Theme

**Cohen, Miriam. *My Big Brother*. Star Bright Books, 2005.** When a boy's big brother leaves for the army, he has to take on a new role in the family.

APPROACHING

**France, Anthony. *From Me to You*. Candlewick Press, 2003.** Just when Rat feels as though no one cares about him, he receives a caring letter which leads to a sequence of good changes.

APPROACHING

**Lied, Kate. *Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression*. National Geographic Society, 1997.** A family leaves their home in search of work during the Great Depression.

APPROACHING

**Poydar, Nancy. *Mailbox Magic*. Holiday House, 2000.** Will is eager to receive mail, so he decides to mail cereal box labels away with the hope of receiving something.

APPROACHING

**Daly, Niki. *Where's Jamela?* Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004.** When Mama gets a new job, Jamela seems to be the only one in her family who is not excited about moving to a new home.

ON LEVEL

**Bonnors, Susan. *Edwina Victorious*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000.** Edwina follows in the footsteps of her great-aunt by writing letters to the mayor about community problems.

ON LEVEL

**Thomas, Eliza. *The Red Blanket*. Scholastic, 2004.** Based on the author's life, this is the story of how a young mother traveled to China with a red blanket to adopt a baby.

ON LEVEL

**Orloff, Karen Kaufman. *I Wanna Iguana*. G. P. Putnam's, 2004.** Alex writes letters to his mother hoping to convince her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet.

ON LEVEL

**Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. Dell Publishing, 1981.** Ramona is now eight years old and having many new experiences both at home and at school.

BEYOND\*\*

**Ada, Alma Flor. *With Love, Little Red Hen*. Atheneum, 2001.** Letters describe the actions of storybook characters when Little Red Hen and her chicks request help from friends.

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**Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *A Box of Friends*. Children's Press, 2003.** When Annie misses her friends after moving, her grandmother shows her how to collect things that remind her of those special friends and good times.

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**Teague, Mark. *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School*. Scholastic, 2002.** Ike LaRue, a dog, writes letters home appealing to his owner to let him come back home from the Canine Academy.

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\* Selection from Student Book

\*\* Classroom Library Title

## WEEK 3

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## WEEK 5

<p><b>Editors of TIME for Kids. <i>TIME for Kids: Clara Barton</i>. HarperTrophy, 2005.</b> This biography tells about the nurse who served on the battlefields of the Civil War and founded the American Red Cross.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Tatham, Betty. <i>How Animals Play</i>. Franklin Watts, 2004.</b> This book discusses how different animals engage in play with fascinating, full-color photos.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Palatini, Margie. <i>Mary Had a Little Ham</i>. Hyperion, 2003.</b> Stanley, a pig who craves the limelight, is aided by Mary, who has the utmost faith in his ability to succeed.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Dorros, Arthur. <i>This Is My House</i>. Scholastic, 1992.</b> Text and illustrations depict the various kinds of houses lived in by children all over the world.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Levinson, Nancy Smiler. <i>North Pole, South Pole</i>. Holiday House, 2002.</b> This easy-to-read book contrasts the North and South Poles' geographic features, climates, and inhabitants.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Fraser, Mary Ann. <i>I. Q. Goes to the Library</i>. Walker &amp; Co., 2003.</b> When I.Q., a pet mouse, accompanies his class to the library, he decides that he wants his own library card.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Flanagan, Alice K. <i>Mr. Paul and Mr. Luecke Build Communities</i>. Children's Press, 1999.</b> This book explores what a real estate developer and a carpenter do to plan and build new houses.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Robinson, Claire. <i>Penguins</i>. Heinemann, 1997.</b> This book provides a description of the lives of penguins, particularly Emperor penguins in the Antarctic.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Little, Jean. <i>Emma's Strange Pet</i>. HarperCollins, 2003.</b> Because of Emma's allergies, she has to consider a very different kind of pet for her birthday.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Ryan, Pam Muñoz. <i>Armadillos Sleep in Dugouts and Other Places Animals Live</i>. Hyperion, 1997.</b> This rhyming book describes the different kinds of homes animals build.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Sierra, Judy. <i>Antarctic Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems</i>. Harcourt Brace, 1998.</b> This collection of poems describing the habits and habitat of Emperor penguins is a fun read aloud.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL *</b></p>	<p><b>Ahlberg, Allan. <i>The Cat Who Got Carried Away</i>. Candlewick Press, 2003.</b> Pets go missing and other strange events occur in the Gaskitt family and their community.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Sørensen, Henri. <i>New Hope</i>. Lothrop, Lee &amp; Shepard, 1995.</b> Jimmy enjoys hearing his grandfather tell how his ancestors came to America and started the town of New Hope.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Spinelli, Eileen. <i>Something to Tell the Grandcows</i>. Ferdman's Books, 2004.</b> Hoping to have an adventure to tell to her grandcows, Emmadine Cow goes on an expedition to the South Pole.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>O'Connor, Jane, and Hartland, Jessie. <i>The Perfect Puppy for Me!</i> Viking, 2003.</b> Amusing facts and very useful information about kinds of dogs and their characteristics fill this book.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Cooper, Elisa. <i>Building</i>. Greenwillow, 1999.</b> Amusing illustrations help describe the construction process step by step, from clearing the site to cleaning up the finished building.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Dewey, Jennifer Owings. <i>Antarctic Journal: Four Months at the Bottom of the World</i>. HarperCollins, 2001.</b> An artist's journal describes her observations of Antarctica.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Auch, Mary Ann. <i>I Was a Third Grade Spy</i>. Holiday House, 2001.</b> Josh, an eight-year-old boy, turns into a cat, and his dog suddenly begins talking, when a hypnosis experiment goes awry.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>
<p><b>Kitchen, Bert. <i>And So They Build</i>. Candlewick Press, 1993.</b> This well-illustrated book describes how and why animal architects build their habitats.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Sayre, April Pulley. <i>Hooray for Antarctica! The Millbrook Press</i>, 2003.</b> This colorful photo-essay describes the geography, weather, plant and animal life on Antarctica.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Polacco, Patricia. <i>John Philip Duck. Philomel</i>, 2004.</b> A Memphis boy trains his pet duck to do tricks in the fountain of a grand hotel, which leads to him becoming the hotel's Duck Master.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>