

## Additional Readings:

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### By the Authors and Illustrators

**Hurwitz, Johanna. *Fourth Grade Fuss*. HarperCollins, 2004.** Julio and his friends have fun throughout fourth grade, but it's time to get serious for the end-of-year statewide test.

**ON LEVEL**

**Johnson, Rebecca L. *A Walk in the Boreal Forest*. Carolrhoda, 2001.** A description of the climates, plants, and animals of the boreal forest, which stretches across the northern part of North America.

**ON LEVEL**

#### Related to the Theme

**Dadey, Debbie. *Whistler's Hollow*. Bloomsbury, 2002.** Lillie Mae, recently orphaned, goes to live at her great aunt's home, where she learns the truth about several secrets.

**APPROACHING**

**Kalman, Bobbie. *How Do Animals Adapt?* Crabtree, 2000.** A discussion about how animals' bodies and behavior change in ways that help them survive.

**APPROACHING**

**Orr, Wendy. *Nim's Island*. Knopf, 2001.** When her father disappears, a young girl is left with only a sea lion, an iguana, and a mysterious new e-mail friend.

**APPROACHING**

**Lewin, Ted. *Tooth and Claw*. HarperCollins, 2003.** Fourteen experiences with animals are related along with facts and anecdotes about each animal and how it adapts to its environment.

**APPROACHING**

**O'Connor, Barbara. *Taking Care of Moses*. Farrar, 2004.** A baby is left on the steps of the local Baptist church and Randall must decide if he should divulge the name of the founding's mother.

**ON LEVEL**

**Goodman, Susan E. *Claws, Coats, and Camouflage: The Ways Animals Fit Into Their World*. Millbrook, 2001.** An introduction to the adaptation of animals with captivating photos.

**ON LEVEL**

**Lyon, George Ella. *Gina Jamie Father Bear*. Atheneum, 2002.** A boy and a girl in parallel universes grapple separately and together with family loss and challenging problems.

**ON LEVEL**

**Goodman, Susan E. *Seeds, Stems, and Stamens: The Ways Plants Fit Into Their World*. Millbrook, 2001.** Discusses how plants adapt in order to survive.

**ON LEVEL**

**Anderson, Janet. *The Last Treasure*. Dutton, 2003.** Ellsworth leaves his father to stay with relatives he's never met and joins forces with a cousin to uncover their ancestor's hidden treasure.

**BEYOND**

**Hare, Tony. *Animal Habitats: Discovering How Animals Live in the Wild*. Facts On File, 2001.** A visually appealing study of the relationship of habitats and behaviors for 50 different mammals.

**BEYOND**

**Moranville, Sharelle Byars. *Over the River*. Holt, 2002.** Willa Mae's father returns from the war to the town where she has lived for the past five years, and she struggles with old family tensions and mysteries.

**BEYOND**

**Mason, Cherie. *Everybody is Somebody's Lunch: The Role of Predator and Prey in Nature*. Tilbury, 1998.** The roles of predator and prey are explained.

**BEYOND**



## WEEK 3

## WEEK 4

## WEEK 5

<p><b>Editors of TIME For Kids. <i>TIME For Kids Bats!</i> Harper, 2005.</b> Bats wake up at night just as people are going to sleep. There are more than a thousand kinds of bats in the world. Find out about these fascinating fliers.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Cameron, Ann. <i>The Stories Julian Tells.</i> Pantheon, 1981.</b> Relates different stories in seven-year-old Julian's life, such as finding a new friend, losing a tooth, and planting a garden.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Napoli, Donna Jo. Illustrated by Jim LaMarche. <i>Albert.</i> Harcourt, 2001.</b> The richly illustrated story of a man who watches two birds build a nest in his hand.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Halvorsen, Lisa. <i>Letters Home from Yellowstone.</i> Blackbirch, 2000.</b> Here is a first-person account of a trip to Yellowstone that describes its wildlife, boiling mud pools, and its geyser, "Old Faithful."</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Jeffrey, Laura S. <i>Christa McAuliffe: A Space Biography.</i> Enslow, 1998.</b> A biography of the teacher who became an astronaut, but whose life tragically ended when the space shuttle <i>Challenger</i> exploded.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong, Jennifer. <i>Audubon: Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier.</i> H. N. Abrams, 2003.</b> This outlines the story of the nineteenth-century naturalist who painted detailed renderings of birds.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Petersen, David. <i>National Parks.</i> Children's Press, 2000.</b> A good introduction to our national parks, how they were designated, and their future, with beautiful photos of the sites.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Schomp, Virginia. <i>If You Were An Astronaut.</i> Benchmark Books, 1998.</b> This book discusses a routine day in the lives of astronauts and describes their training and experience.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Ray, Deborah Kogan. <i>The Flower Hunter: William Bartram, America's First Naturalist.</i> Farrar, Straus, &amp; Giroux, 2004.</b> As Billy travels the colonial United States, he keeps a journal of all of the plant specimens he encounters.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Ashabranner, Brent K. <i>On the Mall in Washington D.C.: A Visit to America's Front Yard.</i> Twenty-First Century Books, 2002.</b> A guide to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Stone, Tanya Lee. <i>Ilan Ramon, Israel's First Astronaut.</i> Millbrook, 2003.</b> A biography of the Israeli astronaut who died in the explosion of the space shuttle <i>Columbia</i>, on February 1, 2003.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Ross, Michael Elsohn. <i>Wildlife Watching with Charles Eastman.</i> Carolrhoda, 1997.</b> This biography of Charles Eastman, a Native American writer, physician, and naturalist, focuses on his study of animals.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Petersen, David. <i>Grand Canyon National Park.</i> Children's Press, 2001.</b> This book provides a basic introduction to the Grand Canyon with dazzling photos.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Vogt, Gregory. <i>John Glenn's Return to Space.</i> Millbrook, 2000.</b> The inspiring story of John Glenn's second flight into space in 1998 is contrasted with his first in 1962.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>** Swinburne, Stephen R. <i>Black Bear: North America's Bear.</i> Boyds Mills Press, 2003.</b> Here is an examination of black bears that discusses their behavior and habitat.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Haigh, Jane. <i>Denali: Early Photographs of Our National Parks.</i> Wolf Creek Books, 2000.</b> An exciting collection of archival photographs with descriptive text of Alaska's Denali National Park.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Atkins, Jeannine. <i>Wings and Rockets: The Story of Women in Air and Space.</i> Farrar, Straus, &amp; Giroux, 2003.</b> Tells the stories of courageous women who have challenged the status quo in order to fly.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Arnosky, Jim. <i>Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher.</i> Beech Tree books, 1991.</b> This noted naturalist and writer explains techniques used in finding wild animals and how to get close enough to study them.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>
<p><b>Petersen, David. <i>Grand Teton National Park.</i> Children's Press, 1992.</b> Depicts the scenery and wildlife of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming and discusses the area's first explorers.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>** Schyffert, Bea Uusma. <i>The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins.</i> Chronicle Books, 2003.</b> A biography of Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Goodall, Jane. <i>My Life With the Chimpanzees.</i> Houghton Mifflin, 1999.</b> Jane Goodall's own story of the research she has conducted at the Gombe Research Center in Tanzania.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>

\* Main Selection from Student Book

\*\* Classroom Library Title