

## Additional Readings:

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### By the Authors and Illustrators

**Frasier, Debra. *On the Day You Were Born*. Harcourt, 1991.** Earth celebrates the birth of a newborn baby.

**APPROACHING**

**Schanzer, Rosalyn. *Gold Fever! Tales from the California Gold Rush*. National Geographic Society, 1999.** Excerpts from letters, journals, and newspaper articles are used to relate the story of the California Gold rush of 1848.

**ON LEVEL**

#### Related to the Theme

**Child, Lauren. *Utterly Me, Clarice Bean*. Candlewick, 2003.** Someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, but Clarice plays detective and saves the day.

**APPROACHING**

**Hopkinson, Deborah. *Apples to Oregon*. Atheneum, 2004.** An original tall tale about a pioneer father transporting his fruit trees and his family to Oregon in the mid-nineteenth century.

**APPROACHING**

**Seuling, Barbara. *Oh No, It's Robert*. Front Street, 1999.** Robert is in the remedial reading group, but enters the classroom achievement contest to show everyone he can succeed.

**APPROACHING**

**Wiley, Margaret. *Clever Beatrice and the Best Little Pony*. Atheneum, 2004.** Clever Beatrice seeks out Mr. LePain, the bread baker, to help her protect her pony from the little bearded man who rides him every night.

**APPROACHING**

**O'Connor, Barbara. *Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia*. Farrar, 2003.** Burdette Weaver persuades the new boy at school to be her partner for a spelling bee.

**ON LEVEL**

**Shepard, Aaron. *Master Man: A Tall Tale of Nigeria*. HarperCollins, 2001.** A boastful man learns a lesson that is harder than his muscles when he encounters a very powerful Nigerian superhero.

**ON LEVEL**

**McMullan, Kate. *Wheel of Misfortune*. Grosset & Dunlap, 2003.** Erica, Angus, and Wiglaf are representing their school in the "Rain Power" tournament, but worry that they can't compete with the Knights Noble Conservatory team.

**ON LEVEL**

**Wood, Audrey. *The Bunyans*. Blue Sky Press, 1996.** Paul Bunyan and his family do some things that result in the formation of Niagara Falls, Bryce Canyon, and other well-known national monuments.

**ON LEVEL**

**Konigsburg, E. L. *The View from Saturday*. Thorndike, 1996.** Four students become friends and are chosen to represent their class in the Academic Bowl competition.

**BEYOND**

**Steig, Jeanne. *Tales from Gizzard's Grill*. Joanna Cotler Books, 2004.** Here is a collection of three tall tales from the Old West town of Fiasco where the sheriff, who is a woman, keeps the peace.

**BEYOND**

**McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Saves the World*. Candlewick, 2002.** Judy Moody manages to inspire her class to undertake an award-winning project that focuses on saving the environment.

**BEYOND**

**Fleischman, Sid. *McBroom the Rainmaker*. Price, Stern, Sloan, 1999.** When a drought across the prairie causes cows to give powdered milk and mosquitoes to grow as large as cowsheds, McBroom comes up with an unusual idea for making rain.

**BEYOND**

# Theme Bibliography



## WEEK 3

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## WEEK 5

<p><b>Editors of TIME for Kids. <i>TIME for Kids: Bats!</i> HarperTrophy, 2005.</b> Bats rise at night just as people are going to sleep. There are more than a thousand kinds of bats. Some are tiny. Others have a wingspan as wide as a car! Find out about these fascinating fliers.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Goodman, Susan E. <i>On This Spot: An Expedition Back Through Time.</i> Greenwillow, 2004.</b> The drama of change is present as the author takes a look at New York City 175, 350, and 400 years ago, and then takes us back as far as the Ice Age.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Schanzer, Rosalyn. <i>Escaping to America.</i> HarperCollins, 2000.</b> The author tells the story of her family and how they left Poland to make a better life for themselves in the United States in the early twentieth century.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Pfeffer, Wendy. <i>A Log's Life.</i> Simon &amp; Schuster.</b> Here is an introduction to the life cycle of a tree, with superb illustrations and an informative text about the life, death, and decay of an oak tree.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Haddon, Mark. <i>The Sea of Tranquility.</i> Harcourt, 1996.</b> A man remembers his boyhood fascination with the moon and the night Neil Armstrong bounced through the dust in the Sea of Tranquility.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Jackson, Donna. <i>Hero Dogs: Courageous Canines in Action.</i> Little, Brown, 2003.</b> A variety of stories of dogs who have helped humans in many ways, including those involved in the search and rescue at the World Trade Center in 2001.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Sanders, Scott R. <i>Meeting Trees.</i> National Geographic, 1997.</b> A boy and his father walk in the woods and share what they know about the bark, leaves, and fruit of the different trees they see.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Siy, Alexandra. <i>Footprints on the Moon.</i> Charlesbridge, 2001.</b> This is an outstanding look at our journeys to the moon during the Apollo program, with full-color photos.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Hall, Lynn. <i>Barry, The Bravest Saint Bernard.</i> Random House, 1992.</b> This is the story of a young monk and his dog, Barry, who saved more than 40 lives during an avalanche in the Swiss Alps.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Burnie, David. <i>Tree.</i> Dorling Kindersley, 2000.</b> Explores the anatomy and life cycle of trees and examines the kinds of bark, seeds, and leaves on different types of trees.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Sipiera, Diane M. <i>Project Mercury.</i> Children's Press, 1997.</b> Describes early space exploration and the six missions of Project Mercury that constituted the first step toward the moon.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>George, Charles. <i>Search and Rescue Dogs.</i> Capstone, 1998.</b> Describes the history, selection, training, and accomplishments of different search and rescue operations.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Cherry, Lynne. <i>The Great Kapok Tree.</i> Harcourt, 1990.</b> The importance of rain-forest conservation is the focus of this tale of a kapok tree, the animals that live in it, and the man who wants to cut it down.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Tocci, Salvatore. <i>NASA.</i> Franklin Watts, 2003.</b> Describes how NASA functions and discusses its various programs and achievements.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. <i>Hugger to the Rescue.</i> Cobblehill Books, 1994.</b> The training and work done by Newfoundland dogs is discussed in this interesting history of the breed.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Souza, Dorothy. <i>Wacky Trees.</i> Franklin Watts, 2004.</b> Strange trees, including the baobab, strangler fig, mangrove, and bristlecone pine, are represented in full-color photos with informative text to fascinate young researchers.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</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>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Hubbard, Coleen. <i>Mountain Dog Rescue: A Story of a Bernese Mountain Dog.</i> Scholastic, 2000.</b> This gives a history of the breed along with several stories about rescues performed by one particular dog.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>
<p><b>Lynch, L. M. <i>How I Wonder What You Are.</i> Knopf, 2001.</b> As Laurel is about to enter sixth grade, her best friend doesn't want to associate with her anymore, and the best climbing tree in town has been mysteriously cut down.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Vogt, Gregory. <i>John Glenn's Return to Space.</i> Millbrook, 2000.</b> Here is the inspiring story of John Glenn's second flight into space in 1998, contrasted with his first in 1962.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Harlow, Joan Hiatt. <i>Star in the Storm.</i> Aladdin, 2000.</b> When a boat crashes along the shore, Maggie faces a difficult choice. She knows her dog can help rescue the people on board, but that puts his own life in danger.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>