

## Additional Readings:

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### By the Authors and Illustrators

**Armstrong, Jennifer. *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*. Crown, 1998.** In 1914 Shackleton's ship *Endurance* became entrapped by ice and was crushed. This tells the story of a journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

**BEYOND**

**Fleischman, Paul. *Seedfolks*. HarperCollins, 1997.** A vacant lot is transformed into a beautiful garden by people of varied ages and backgrounds, and as the garden grows the people are themselves transformed.

**APPROACHING**

#### Related to the Theme

**Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *The Lamp, the Ice, and the Boat Called Fish*. Houghton, 2001.** Tells the dramatic story of the Canadian Arctic Expedition that set off in 1913 to explore the North Pole.

**APPROACHING**

**Hopkinson, Deborah. *Fannie in the Kitchen*. Atheneum, 2001.** Fannie Farmer is often called the inventor of the modern recipe. In this fictionalized account, Fannie writes down recipes so her employer will have a record of how to make certain dishes.

**APPROACHING**

**Hiscock, Bruce. *Big Caribou Herd: Life in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*. Boyds Mills Press, 2003.** The author takes readers to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which is one of the last truly wild places on Earth, and discusses the life of the caribou.

**APPROACHING**

**Compstine, Ying Chang. *The Story of Noodles*. Holiday House, 2002.** The Kang boys are left alone to prepare their family's dumplings for the annual cooking contest and accidentally invent a new dish called *noodles*.

**APPROACHING**

**Miller, Debbie S. *Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights*. Walker & Company, 2003.** Describes the unique light phenomena of the Alaskan Arctic and the way animals adapt to the daylight and temperature changes from one summer solstice to the next.

**ON LEVEL**

**D'Amico, Joan. *The United States Cookbook: Fabulous Foods and Fascinating Facts from All 50 States*. John Wiley, 2000.** Readers can learn interesting facts about the 50 states while reading recipes native to each of them, such as corn dogs from Iowa.

**ON LEVEL**

**Curlee, Lynn. *Into the Ice: The Story of Arctic Exploration*. Houghton, 1998.** This is a good introduction to different arctic explorers and why they were motivated to make such a journey.

**ON LEVEL**

**Ichord, Loretta Frances. *Skillet Bread, Sourdough, and Vinegar Pie: Cooking in Pioneer Days*. Millbrook, 2003.** Discusses what the pioneers ate and how they preserved, prepared, and stored food. Recipes are provided.

**ON LEVEL**

**Scott, Elaine. *Poles Apart: Why Penguins and Polar Bears Will Never Be Neighbors*. Viking, 2004.** The author explores some of the unique characteristics shared by the North Pole and the South Pole and also explains their differences.

**BEYOND**

**Burleigh, Robert. *Chocolate: Riches from the Rainforest*. Harry Abrams, 2002.** Traces the history of chocolate and discusses how the seeds from cacao trees are processed as it instills an appreciation for the rainforests.

**BEYOND**

**Markle, Sandra. *Pioneering Frozen Worlds*. Atheneum, 1996.** The differences between the Arctic and the Antarctic are shown through simple science activities. There is also a discussion of the problems in exploring these regions.

**BEYOND**

**Katzen, Mollie. *Honest Pretzels: And 64 Other Amazing Recipes for Cooks Ages 8 & Up*. Tricycle Press, 1999.** Sixty-five nourishing vegetarian recipes are offered in this lively cookbook of breakfast dishes, snacks, main dishes, and salads.

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## WEEK 3

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## WEEK 5

<p><b>Editors of TIME for Kids. <i>TIME for Kids: Storms!</i> HarperTrophy, 2005.</b> From summer thunderstorms to winter blizzards, weather often packs a powerful punch. TIME for Kids takes you into the eye of the storm!</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Hunter, Sara Hoagland. <i>Miss Piggy's Night Out.</i> Puffin, 1995.</b> Kermit invites Miss Piggy to a restaurant where famous people go, and she has an embarrassing encounter with a director.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Joseph, Lynn. <i>A Wave in Her Pocket: Stories from Trinidad.</i> Clarion, 1991.</b> Tantie is a storyteller who delights everyone with her tales of talking monkeys, lost loves, and enchanted beads.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Halls, Kelly Milner. <i>Albino Animals. Darby Creek, 2004.</i></b> Here are unique creatures who have inherited the recessive gene for albinism. This discusses how they survive as they are exposed to the sharp eyes of predators.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Alter, Judy. <i>Samuel F. B. Morse: Inventor and Code Creator.</i> Child's World, 2003.</b> Describes Morse's career as a painter and inventor and how his development of the Morse code led to modern telecommunications.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Pringle, Lawrence. <i>Whales: Strange and Wonderful.</i> Boyds Mills, 2003.</b> A good introduction to the behavior and unique characteristics of many different types of whales and the efforts to protect them.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Wright-Frierson, Virginia. <i>A North American Rain Forest Scrapbook.</i> Walker and Co., 1999.</b> In the form of a scrapbook, this describes the author's exploration of a temperate rain forest in Washington State and the plants and animals she learned about.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Barasch, Lynne. <i>Radio Rescue.</i> Frances Foster Books, 2002.</b> In 1923, after learning the Morse code, a 12-year-old boy sends a message that helps to rescue a family stranded by a hurricane.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>	<p><b>Sobel, Richard. <i>Adelina's Whales.</i> Dutton, 2003.</b> In this photo-essay, Adelina Mayoral, who lives in a small fishing village in Baja, California, welcomes gray whales to the village's lagoon and takes tourists on whale-watching expeditions.</p> <p><b>APPROACHING</b></p>
<p><b>Bonner, Hannah. <i>When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Tetrapods Stalked the Earth.</i> National Geographic, 2004.</b> Entertaining illustrations depict lycopods, blastoids, and moschops who lived before T-rex.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Allen, Robert. <i>Secret Codes for Kids.</i> Scholastic, 2000.</b> Over 100 secret codes are included in puzzles that at one point in history carried various kinds of top-secret messages.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>McNulty, Faith. <i>How Whales Walked into the Sea.</i> Scholastic, 1999.</b> Explains how Earth's biggest mammal evolved from a land animal into a sea animal.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>Lewin, Ted. <i>Gorilla Walk.</i> Lothrop, Lee &amp; Shepard, 1999.</b> Here is the beautifully illustrated journal of the author's trip to Uganda to observe the mountain gorilla, which has been designated an endangered species.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Aaseng, Nathan. <i>Navajo Code Talkers.</i> Walker, 1994.</b> Navajo code talking was an extremely important aspect of United States intelligence work against the Japanese in World War II. The complicated process is detailed in this account.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>	<p><b>Sayer, April Pulley. <i>Secrets of Sound: Studying the Calls and Songs of Whales, Elephants, and Birds.</i> Houghton, 2003.</b> Examines the work of scientists who study sounds made by different creatures and reports on the results.</p> <p><b>ON LEVEL</b></p>
<p><b>*Dewey, Jennifer Owens. <i>Antarctic Journal: Four Months at the Bottom of the World.</i> HarperCollins, 2001.</b> Here is a record of an artist's adventures in one of the last great wildernesses on Earth.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Durrett, Deanne. <i>Unsung Heroes of World War II: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers.</i> Facts on File, 1998.</b> Here is the story of a group of Navajo Marines who developed a code based on their native language during World War II.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>McKissack, Patricia. <i>Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers.</i> Scholastic, 1999.</b> Here is a history of African-American whalers that documents their contributions to the whaling industry between 1730 and 1880.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>
<p><b>*Montgomery, Sy. <i>The Tarantula Scientist.</i> Houghton, 2004.</b> Superb photos and the conversational text help to tell the story of Sam Marshall and his team of researchers who are researching some of the biggest spiders on Earth.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Janezko, Paul B. <i>Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing.</i> Candlewick, 2004.</b> Here is a great guide to secret writing. Students learn and can practice the St. Cyr slide, the Greek square cipher, and word grille.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>	<p><b>Murphy, Jim. <i>Gone-a-Whaling: The Lure of the Sea and the Hunt for the Great Whale.</i> Clarion, 1998.</b> An account of the whaling industry from its earliest days to the present, this focuses on young boys who signed on for whaling voyages.</p> <p><b>BEYOND</b></p>

\*Classroom Library Title