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WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Sanderson, Ruth. *The Crystal Mountain*. Little, Brown, 1999. The youngest of three sons outwits the fairy thieves who stole his mother's tapestry and marries one of the fairies he has rescued.

APPROACHING

Yep, Laurence. *Dragon's Gate*. HarperCollins, 1993. In 1867 a Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father and uncle, who are working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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Related to the Theme

Bryan, Ashley. *Beautiful Blackbird*. Atheneum, 2003. Here is an African tale illustrated with paper collages that tells how all birds are adorned with touches of black paint from the most beautiful bird of all.

APPROACHING

George, Kristine O'Connell. *Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems*. Clarion, 2001. This collection of poems captures the sights, sounds, smells, and sensations of a family's camping trip.

APPROACHING

Kimmel, Eric A. *Three Samurai Cats: A Story From Japan*. Holiday House, 2003. Humor, wisdom, and excitement enliven this tale of a feudal lord who gets a samurai cat to rid his castle of a savage rat.

APPROACHING

Preller, James. *The Case of the Marshmallow Monster*. Scholastic, 2000. A full moon and a campfire story about a lake creature motivate two friends to find out the real story behind this so-called monster.

APPROACHING

San Souci, Robert D. *A Weave of Words: An Armenian Tale*. Orchard Books, 1998. A lazy prince learns to read, write, and weave in order to win the affection of his bride-to-be, and finds these skills to be helpful when he confronts an ogre.

ON LEVEL

Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods*. Simon & Schuster, 2002. The fifth grade's annual camping trip tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who thinks he's a spoiled rich kid.

ON LEVEL

Wolkstein, Diane. *Sun Mother Wakes the World: An Australian Creation Story*. HarperCollins, 2004. Sun Mother leaves her home in the sky and travels the sleeping Earth as the grass, plants, and trees begin to grow in her footsteps. This is an Aboriginal myth.

ON LEVEL

Jacobson, Jennifer. *Truly Winnie*. Houghton, 2003. Going to summer camp for the first time can be worrisome, and Winnie is afraid no one will like her and she won't have a good time.

ON LEVEL

Andersen, Hans Christian. *Little Mermaids and Ugly Ducklings: Favorite Fairy Tales*. Chronicle, 2001. Here are some of the most beloved fairy tales, such as "Thumbelina," "The Princess and the Pea," and "The Little Mermaid," in a beautiful picture book.

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Littlefield, Bill. *The Circus in the Woods*. Houghton, 2001. Molly and her family spend most summers at a camp in Vermont. As time goes by Molly discovers a mysterious circus in the woods nearby.

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Pinkney, Jerry. *Aesop's Fables*. SeaStar Books, 2000. Here is a collection of nearly 60 fables, including "Androcles and the Lion" and "The North Wind and the Sun."

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Pinkwater, Daniel. *Fat Camp Commandos*. Scholastic, 2001. Ralph and Sylvia are angry because they've been sent to a weight-loss camp, so they decide to escape.

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WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>Editors of TIME for TIME for Kids, 2005. Facts and figures for 2005.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Lauber, Patricia. <i>Living with Dinosaurs</i>. Bradbury Press, 1991. This is a re-creation of life among the dinosaurs living in North America 75 million years ago.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Kramer, Stephen P. <i>Tornado</i>. Carolrhoda, 1992. With clear, full-color photos, diagrams, and maps the author shows the destructive capabilities of tornadoes and tsunamis.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>McBrier, Page. <i>Beatrice's Goat</i>. Atheneum, 2001. An impoverished family from Uganda is given an income-producing goat from the Heifer Project, and soon a young girl's dream of attending school is realized.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Fine, John Christopher. <i>Free Spirits in the Sky</i>. Atheneum, 1994. Provides information about the history of hot air ballooning and an account of an early morning flight.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Ray, Deborah Kogan. <i>The Flower Hunter: William Bartram, America's First Naturalist</i>. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2004. Young Billy Bartram eventually becomes his father's assistant and learns about the plants in colonial America.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Kulling, Monica. <i>Eleanor Everywhere: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt</i>. Random House, 1999. Eleanor Roosevelt was the wife of Franklin Roosevelt and an activist for peace who devoted her life to helping others.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Karr, Kathleen. <i>Spy in the Sky</i>. Hyperion, 1997. When Thaddeus lands his huge balloon in South Carolina at the beginning of the Civil War, Ridley joins him and the two set out to find a way to help the North.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Swinburne, Stephen R. <i>The Woods Scientist</i>. Houghton, 2002. The scientist Sue Morse is a devoted nature lover who shares her knowledge of some of the creatures that inhabit woodlands in the United States.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Choldenko, Gennifer. <i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>. Putnam, 2004. The year is 1932 and 12-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz where his father has just taken a job. He sometimes feels like an inmate when he has to help care for his autistic sister.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Paulsen, Gary. <i>Full of Hot Air: Launching, Floating High, and Landing</i>. Delacorte, 1993. A humorous commentary on ballooning from taking off to touching down.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Jackson, Donna M. <i>The Wildlife Detectives: How Forensic Scientists Fight Crimes Against Nature</i>. Houghton, 2000. Scientists at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Oregon analyze clues to apprehend people responsible for crimes against animals.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Ditchfield, Christin. <i>Serving Your Community</i>. Children's Press, 2004. Discusses people who give their time and effort to help others in their community.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Van Leeuwen, Jean. <i>The Amazing Air Balloon</i>. Dial, 2003. In 1784, 13-year-old Edward Warren, who had a passion for flying, was the first person in America to ascend in a hot air balloon. This is a fictionalized account based on real-life events.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Lassieur, Allison. <i>Marie Curie: A Scientific Pioneer</i>. Franklin Watts, 2003. Here is a biography of the Polish scientist who was awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize for her discovery of radium.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Wheatley, K. L. <i>Kids Keeping Kids Safe. Leading Edge Publishing, 1998.</i> Good personal safety habits are the focus in a non-frightening approach.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Warner, Gertrude Chandler. <i>The Mystery of the Hot Air Balloon</i>. Whitman, 1995. Benny wants adventure so he helps to uncover a plan that would prevent ballooning from coming to his town.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Byrd, Robert. <i>Leonardo, Beautiful Dreamer</i>. Dutton, 2003. The ink and watercolor paintings and the lively text bring Da Vinci's work to life by focusing on paintings like the <i>Mona Lisa</i> and discussing his scientific interests.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>King-Smith, Dick. <i>Mysterious Miss Slade</i>. Crown, 2000. When Patsy and her brother befriend their neighbor they help change her life.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Wirth, Dick. <i>Ballooning: The Complete Guide to Riding the Winds</i>. Random House, 1991 Here is the story of 200 years of flight including how balloons are made, the sport of hot air ballooning, and the people who started it all.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Giblin, James Cross. <i>The Mystery of the Mammoth Bones and How It Was Solved</i>. HarperCollins, 1999. Charles Peale painstakingly unearths evidence when unknown bones are found on a New York State farm in 1801.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>