

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Alvarez, Julia. *The Secret Footprints*. Dragon Fly Books, 2002. The author retells this legend from the Dominican Republic about a group of people who live underwater in caves and come to learn that preconceptions prevent people from discovering the truth about others.

APPROACHING

Wynne-Jones, Tim. *Some of the Kinder Planets: Stories*. Puffin, 1996. This collection of nine short stories portrays people from different historical perspectives and offers interesting glimpses into complex worlds.

ON LEVEL *

Related to the Theme

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963*. Yearling, 1997. This story blends the fictional account of an African American family with the real-life account of the summer of 1963.

APPROACHING

Karas, Brian G. *On Earth*. Putnam, 2005. Through the evocative illustrations and poetic text the author describes our Earth's rotation and revolution in a simple and concise text.

APPROACHING

Sacher, Louis. *Holes*. Yearling, 2000. Stanley lands at a juvenile detention center where he is required to dig holes with the other inmates until he realizes there is a sinister reason behind it.

APPROACHING

Ride, Sally. *Exploring Our Solar System*. Crown, 2003. The reader is taken on a planetary tour in simple straightforward language. The visuals include exciting photos from space, charts that contrast the planets' characteristics, and artists' illustrations.

APPROACHING

Creech, Sharon. *Ruby Holler*. HarperTrophy, 2004. Two abandoned children give up the hope of ever having a happy home until an eccentric older couple enter their lives. This is a poignant story of love and compassion.

ON LEVEL

Chrismer, Melanie. *Highlights from the Hubble Telescope*. Enslow, 2003. Details the initiation of the Hubble Telescope as well as the repairs that followed and answers questions regarding the telescope's purpose.

ON LEVEL

Ibbotson, Eva. *The Secret of Platform 13*. Dutton, 1998. A fantasy that tells the story of a group of strange creatures who cross into our world to rescue a kidnapped prince and return him to theirs.

ON LEVEL

Simon, Seymour. *Destination: Jupiter*. HarperTrophy, 2000. Simon incorporates recent discoveries about our largest planet along with amazing photographs. An entertaining and informative read.

ON LEVEL

Bausum, Ann. *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote*. National Geographic, 2004. An absorbing account of the long and often dangerous struggle women endured in order to gain the right to vote.

BEYOND

Couper, Heather et al. *Black Holes*. DK Publishing, 1996. The authors attempt to piece together the intricate puzzle explaining the composition, formation, and power of black holes and examine the roles of such scientists as Isaac Newton.

BEYOND

Pinkney, Andrea. *Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters*. Gulliver, 2000. Engaging text and beautiful art tell the stories of ten African American women who moved forward the fight for civil rights.

BEYOND *

Simon, Seymour. *Earth: Our Planet in Space*. Simon & Schuster, 2003. The relationship between our planet, the sun, and the moon is investigated and why Earth, because of its unique position to the sun, is the only planet where life is possible.

BEYOND



*Main Selection from Student Book

**Classroom Library Title

WEEK 3

Editors of TIME for Kids. *TIME for Kids: Sharks!* Harper, 2005. Sharks swam in the sea long before dinosaurs roamed the earth. Today there are more than five hundred kinds of sharks in the world.

APPROACHING

WEEK 4

Stanley, Diane. *Michelangelo*. HarperCollins, 2000. A biography of the Renaissance sculptor, painter, architect, and poet who is famous for his work on the Sistine Chapel.

ON LEVEL

WEEK 5

Miller, Debbie S. *Arctic Lights, Arctic Nights*. Walker, 2003. This describes the unique light phenomena of the Alaskan Arctic and the way the animals adapt to the temperature changes.

ON LEVEL

Swinburne, Stephen. *Once a Wolf: How Wildlife Biologists Fought to Bring Back the Gray Wolf*. Houghton, 2001. This recounts the reintroduction of the gray wolf to the American landscape with compelling photos.

APPROACHING

Bania, Michael. *Kumak's Fish: A Tall Tale from the Far North*. Alaska Northwest Books, 2004. This original comic tall tale about an Inupiat family combines folklore and farce with detailed descriptions of the setting and Arctic community.

APPROACHING

Blake, Robert J. *Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod*. Putnam, 1997. Left behind because of an injury, a lead husky sets out on her own to find her team and win the race. This is a story of a daring and determined dog who never gives up.

APPROACHING

Wheeler, Lisa. *Old Cricket*. Atheneum, 2003. Old Cricket doesn't feel like helping his wife and neighbors prepare for winter so he pretends to be sick, but Old Crow has other ideas.

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Cohlene, Terri. *Turquoise Boy*. Scholastic, 2004. Turquoise Boy goes to search for a way to make life better for his people. This is an accurate retelling of a traditional Navajo legend.

APPROACHING

Paulsen, Gary. *Dogteam*. Delacorte, 1993. A two-time participant in the Iditarod dog sled race, Gary Paulsen describes the thrill of handling a team of dogs on a cold winter night.

APPROACHING

Hoose, Philip S. *It's Our World, Too*. Farrar, 2002. Here is collection of essays about children who have made a difference in our society.

ON LEVEL

Hamilton, Virginia. *The People Could Fly*. Knopf, 2004. Enslaved people brought to America fly away to freedom in a timeless tale of hope that soars with illustrations by Leo and Diane Dillon.

ON LEVEL

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *Balto and the Great Race*. Random House, 1999. The author combines geography, historical background, and sled racing with the engrossing tale of a heroic dog on a mission to deliver serum.

ON LEVEL

Montgomery, Sy. *The Search for the Golden Moon Bear*. Houghton, 2004. Stunning color photos and the author's accounts of her travels introduce readers to a rarely seen and very beautiful bear.

ON LEVEL**

Wargin, Kathy-Jo. *The Legend of the Leelanau (Highlights of Spring)*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2003. This legend explores the resistance many of us feel as we enter adulthood.

ON LEVEL

Riddles, Libby. *Storm Run: The Story of the First Woman to Win the Iditarod Sled Dog Race*. Sasquatch, 2001. This is an inspiring story showing the required equipment along with the race route for the grueling Iditarod.

ON LEVEL

Boudalika, Litsa. *If You Could Be My Friend: Letters of Mervet Akram Sha'ban and Galit Fink*. Orchard, 1998. Two young girls, an Israeli and a Palestinian, share their lives and thoughts and try to help each other understand their countries' conflicts.

BEYOND

Caduto, Michael; Bruchac, Joseph. *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*. Fulcrum Publishing, 1997. A selection of different tales that are accompanied by activities related to the environment.

BEYOND

Schultz, Jeff. *Dogs of the Iditarod*. Sasquatch, 2003. The author's memorable images showcase these athletic dogs at work and play and the text details facts such as a dog's ability to run over the 1,000 miles of the Iditarod trail.

BEYOND

Montgomery, Sy. *The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans*. Houghton, 2004. The author travels to the Bay of Bengal in India and Bangladesh to learn more about the elusive tigers of the Sundarbans.

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McGaughrean, Geraldine. *Odysseus*. Cricket, 2004. In this exciting retelling of the Odyssey, Odysseus battles his way past different obstacles to reach his wife, who is fighting a different battle of her own.

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Sherwonit, Bill. *Iditarod: The Great Race to Nome*. Sasquatch, 2002. The author traces the evolution of Alaskan dog racing from the early 1900s. The story is enhanced with historical photos and presents information about the dogs.

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