

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Jiménez, Francisco. *La Mariposa*. Houghton, 1998. Francisco, the son of a migrant worker, has trouble fitting in because he can't speak English. When he develops a fascination with the caterpillar in the classroom, it eases the turmoil he feels.

APPROACHING

Maher, Ramona. *Alice Yazzie's Year*. Tricycle Press, 2003. With illustrations by Shonto Begay, the text describes each month in the life of a young Navajo girl.

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Related to the Theme

Brisson, Pat. *Sky Memories*. Delacorte, 1999. When Emily learns her mother has cancer, she and her mother begin a ritual so Emily will be able to remember her after she is gone.

APPROACHING

Johnston, Tony. *Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio*. Scholastic, 2001. Arturo's world is full of danger, but his father encourages him to create good where there is not enough.

APPROACHING

Johnson, Angela. *Bird*. Dial, 2004. Devastated by the loss of her stepfather, Bird travels to a small town in Alabama to find him and in the process makes two unusual friends.

APPROACHING

Krull, Kathleen. *They Saw the Future*. Atheneum, 1999. Fascinating portraits and interesting facts about some of the greatest thinkers and guessers from the past. DaVinci and Jules Verne are some of those discussed.

APPROACHING

Bauer, Joan. *Stand Tall*. Putnam, 1999. A loving and wise grandfather and an honest friend help twelve-year-old Tree deal with his parents' divorce.

ON LEVEL

Creech, Sharon. *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*. Joanna Cotler Books, 2003. Rosie has to solve some problems she's having with her best friend and her grandmother imparts some wisdom that proves helpful to Rosie.

ON LEVEL*

Wilson, Jacqueline. *The Story of Tracy Beaker*. Delacorte, 2001. Tracy lives in a children's home because her mother was forced to give her up. She dreams of having a real home with a real family until her mother returns to be reunited.

ON LEVEL

Kessler, Cristina. *Our Secret, Siri Aang Philomel*, 2004. Namelok, a Masai girl, tries to convince her father to delay her marriage as it will inhibit her freedom and prevent her from caring for the rare black rhino and her baby that she has come to protect.

ON LEVEL

Peck, Richard. *A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories*. Dial, 1998. Set in a small town in Illinois during the Great Depression, a boy recounts his trips with his sister to visit their extraordinary grandmother.

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de Guzman, Michael. *Beekman's Big Deal*. Farrar, 2004. Beekman wants a stable home and decides to make connections with the people in his New York neighborhood.

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Reeder, Carolyn. *Grandpa's Mountain*. Simon & Schuster, 2002. During the Great Depression, eleven-year-old Carrie makes her annual summer visit to her relatives in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Severance, John B. *Einstein: Visionary Scientist*. Clarion, 1999. An engrossing portrait of one of the greatest thinkers of our time who formulated the theory of relativity.

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*Classroom Library Title

WEEK 3

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WEEK 5

<p>Editors of TIME for Kids. <i>TIME for Kids Almanac 2006</i>. Harper, 2006. Charts, maps, fascinating facts, photos, Web links, musicians, actors, leaders, are all here to help kids boost their brainpower in this one-of-a-kind collection.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Gutman, Dan. <i>Cal Ripkin, Jr.: My Story</i>. Dial Books, 1999. The story of the personal life and baseball career of the star player for the Baltimore Orioles, Cal Ripkin.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Pinkey, Andrea Davis. <i>Silent Thunder</i>. Hyperion, 1999. In 1862, Summer and her brother Roscoe take turns describing what life is like on their plantation where they are slaves during the Civil War.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Leedy, Loreen. <i>Follow the Money. Holiday House, 2002</i>. A quarter describes all the ways it is used from the time it is minted until it is taken back to the bank.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>O'Reilly, Susan MacLeod. <i>Collecting Passions. Key Porter Books, 2001</i>. Are you a born collector? Here is a beginner's guide to collecting a variety of objects from around the world.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Demi, Gandhi. <i>Simon & Schuster, 2001</i>. A biography with beautiful illustrations detailing the life of the adamant idealist and courageous thinker and how he became the sole voice for the downtrodden and exploited.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Maestro, Betsy. <i>The Story of Money. HarperTrophy, 1995</i>. The history of money and trading goods for services is explored in this nice introduction to the subject of money.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Otfinoski, Steve. <i>Coin Collecting for Kids. Innovative Kids, 2000</i>. Encourages kids to look for, save, and identify all the different United States coins.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Stanley, Diane. <i>Joan of Arc. HarperTrophy, 2002</i>. A well-documented account of the French heroine, illustrated with paintings in the style of medieval art.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Berry, Joy. <i>Earning an Allowance. Gold Star, 2000</i>. This book gives suggestions on how to contribute to the family and earn an allowance at the same time.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Jonath, Leslie. <i>Stamp it! The Ultimate Stamp Collecting Activity Book. Chronicle, 2000</i>. Children are shown how to collect stamps from all over the world.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Freedman, Russell. <i>The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights. Clarion, 2004</i>. A photo biography and compelling story of the magnificent vocalist and civil rights activist.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Godfrey, Neale S. <i>Ultimate Kids' Money Book. Simon and Schuster, 1998</i>. A broad range of topics is covered from the history of money to bank accounts and the stock market in this light-handed but comprehensive approach to finance.</p> <p>ON LEVEL *</p>	<p>Owens, Thomas S. <i>Collecting Baseball Cards. Millbrook Press, 2000</i>. The author gives practical advice to the novice and expert on how to start collecting cards and how to improve the collection a person already has.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Hesse, Karen. <i>Witness. Scholastic, 2001</i>. Two children, Esther and Leonora, are among some of the people who challenge the Ku Klux Klan in their small Vermont town in 1924.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Blume, Judy. <i>Double Fudge. Dutton, 2002</i>. Peter's younger brother is obsessed with money which proves to be very embarrassing when they meet their cousins.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Owens, Thomas S. <i>Collecting Stock Car Racing Memorabilia. Millbrook Press, 2001</i>. The author turns to stock cars for young racing enthusiasts and provides full-color photos of the cars that will pique interest.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Siegelson, Kim L. <i>Trembling Earth. HarperCollins, 2004</i>. A fugitive slave forces young Hamp to choose between his prejudice and his conscience in this Civil War tale set in the Okefenokee Swamp.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Karlitz, Gail. <i>Growing Money: A Complete Investing Guide for Kids. Price, Stern, Sloan, 2001</i>. Here is a useful "how to" book about the theory behind investing and compound interest with anecdotes involving companies familiar to children.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Pellant, Chris. <i>Collecting Gems and Minerals. Sterling, 2001</i>. Attractive and readable with beautiful photos of gems and minerals, this book discusses preparing for a field trip, as well as cleaning and displaying the collection.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Thompson, Kate. <i>Switchers. Hyperion, 1999</i>. Tess has a secret. She has the power to turn into an animal form and save the Northern Hemisphere from a new Ice Age. This is an enchanting and thoughtful coming-of-age fantasy.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>