

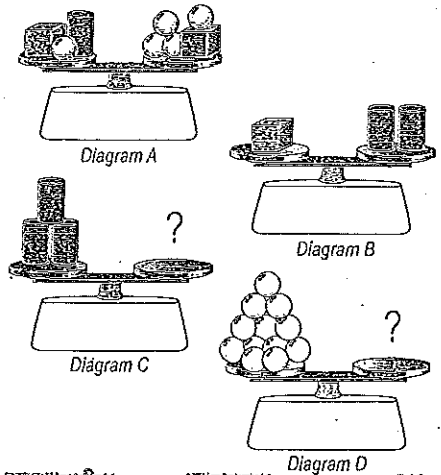
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Target the Question

Week 1

DATA

Using a balance scale and three-dimensional solids, Jennifer discovered the following:



Monday

If the mass of the sphere is 3 grams, what is the mass of one cube? What is the mass of one cylinder?

Tuesday

If the cylinder has a mass of 12 grams, what is the mass of one sphere?

Wednesday

How many spheres are needed to balance the 3 cylinders in Diagram C?

Thursday

If a cube has a mass of 6 grams, what is the mass of one sphere?

Friday

What shapes, other than spheres, could be used to balance the spheres in Diagram D?

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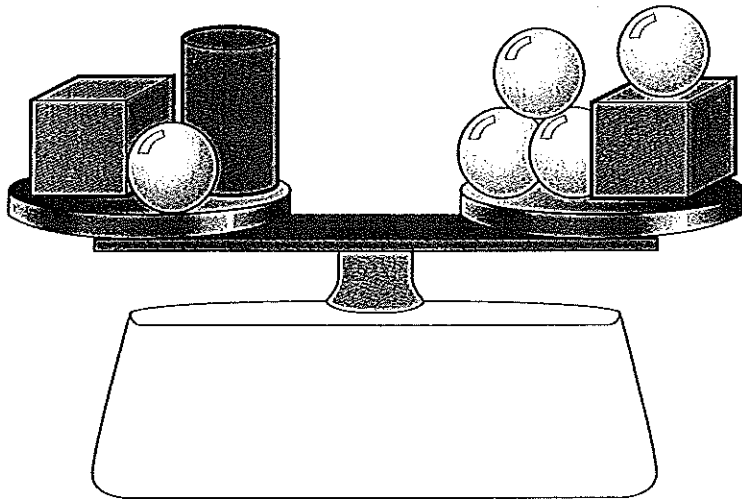


Diagram A

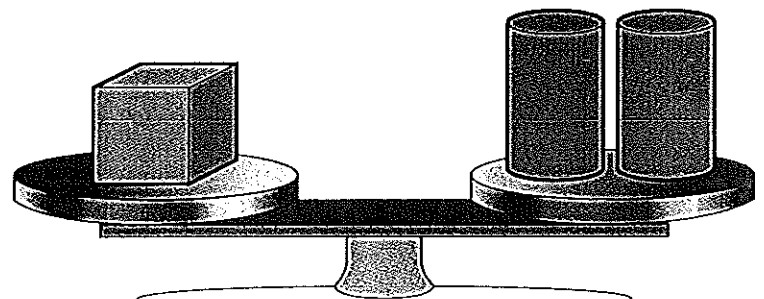


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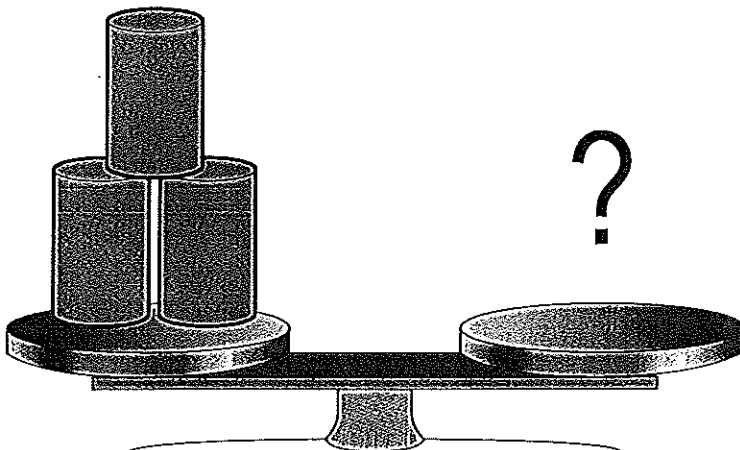


Diagram C

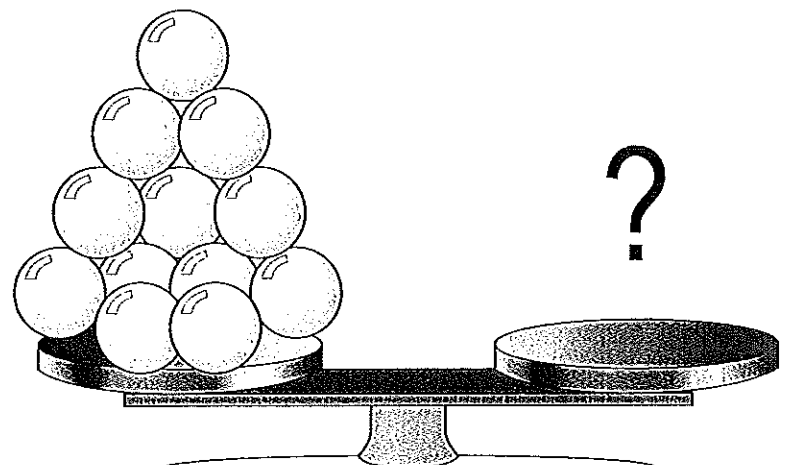


Diagram D

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Target the Question

Week 2

DATA

All five members of Nathan's family love to go to cosmic bowling on Friday nights at The Alley. The cost per person is \$3.79 per game plus a shoe rental of \$2.50. If they go for regular bowling before 5 o'clock, the cost is only \$1.89 plus a shoe rental of \$2.50. All bowlers must wear bowling shoes when bowling. No one in Nathan's family owns bowling shoes.

Monday

Write a number sentence and determine the total cost for Nathan's whole family to bowl 2 games before 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Estimate the total cost for Nathan's whole family to bowl 1 game before 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Write a number sentence and determine the cost if only 4 of Nathan's family members go cosmic bowling.

Thursday

Estimate the total cost if Nathan takes 2 friends (both of whom have bowling shoes) along with his family to bowl 3 games of cosmic bowling.

Friday

Nathan has a coupon for up to 6 people to cosmic bowl for \$3.19 per game. Estimate the total for his family to bowl one game.

Name _____ Date _____ # _____

Target the Question

Week 3

DATA

The City Park had a four-week summer camp. During the first week 2,023 children attended the camp. During the second week 2,392 children attended. During the third week 738 less children attended than during the first week. During the fourth week 879 more students attended than during the second week. Each day between 150 and 200 children took swimming lessons every hour. There was one swimming instructor for every 10 children in the swimming pool.

Monday

How many children attended the first three weeks of camp?

Tuesday

How many more children attended the fourth week than the first week of camp?

Wednesday

What is a reasonable number of hours it would take to give swimming lessons to 600 children?

Thursday

What is a good estimate of the total number of children attending camp during the fourth week?

Friday

What is a reasonable number of instructors in the pool in one hour?

Name _____ Date _____ # _____

Target the Question

Week 4

DATA

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, their ten year-old son Jost and their daughter Mary, attended a baseball game at Wrigley Field. Mrs. Nelson is 25 years older than Josh and 22 years older than Mary. The family arrived at Wrigley Field at 1:00 p.m. Parking at the ballpark cost \$3 per hour. Tickets to the game cost \$15 each and \$10 for children under 12. At the concession stand, the least expensive item cost \$2 and the most expensive item cost \$7. The Nelson family purchased 8 items at the concession stand. After 6 innings of play, the score was Cubs - 12 and Cardinals - 5. The family left Wrigley Field at 5:00 p.m.

Monday

How old is Mary?

Tuesday

What is the least/most amount of money the Nelson family could have spent at the concession stand?

Wednesday

What was the total cost of the tickets to the game?

Thursday

If the Cubs scored an equal number of runs each inning, how many runs did the Cubs have after 9 innings?

Friday

How much did the Nelsons spend for parking?

Name _____ Date _____ # _____

Target the Question

Week 5

DATA

Wanda earned \$4 per hour babysitting 3 children during the first 3 weeks of summer vacation. She watched the children 5 days each week, and she earned a total of \$400 in 3 weeks. She earned \$128 for the first week, but only \$116 for the second week. Each child spent 20 minutes reading every afternoon. Gordon began reading a 75-page book on the first day that Wanda babysat. He read between 10 and 15 pages each day. Lena read exactly 27 pages each day. Martin read a total of 600 pages in three weeks, reading an equal number of pages each week. Wanda read a total of 379 pages in three weeks. At the end of the three weeks, Wanda and the children spent 2 hours making posters about the books they read.

Monday

How many hours did Wanda spend babysitting during the three weeks?

Tuesday

How much money did Wanda earn during the third week?

Wednesday

What is the total number of pages that Martin read each week?

Thursday

What is a good estimate of the number of pages Lena read in 15 days?

Friday

What is a reasonable number of days it took Gordon to finish his first book?

Name _____ Date _____ # _____

Target the Question

Week 6

DATA

Jeff started a report on insects?

Insects
There are many exciting facts about insects.
One kind of insect is the horsefly. The female fly sucks blood from animals for its food.
It can suck up to 3 ounces each day. The horsefly is the fastest insect. It can fly more than 90 miles an hour.
A midge is a tiny flying insect. It beats its wings 1,000 times each second. A house fly only beats its wings 180 times a second.
One kind of big bug weighs up to 100 grams. It can grow up to 4 inches long!

Monday

How far can a horsefly fly in 2 hours?

Tuesday

How many ounces of blood can a horsefly suck in 3 days?

Wednesday

How much faster can a midge beat its wings than a horsefly?

Thursday

How many times would a housefly beat its wings in 3 seconds?

Friday

How many grams would 3 big bugs weigh?



JUNE 2013

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 Today is Pen Pal Day. Write a letter to a relative or friend in another city.
2 Try to read one book a week this summer, starting now. Go to the library and get started today.	3 How many words can you make from the word "rainbow"?	4 Write a story with American folk hero John Henry as the main character.	5 Today is Richard Scarry's birthday today. Read <i>What Do People Do All Day?</i>	6 The word "June" comes from the Roman goddess Juno. Find out more about her.	7 Find a recipe for berry smoothies and make them for your family tonight.	8 Frank Lloyd Wright was born on this day in 1867. Learn more about this important architect.
9 Visit RIF.org/kids/readingplanet and play Poetry Splatter.	10 Happy Birthday, Maurice Sendak! Read <i>Alligators All Around</i> .	11 Read your mom or dad a bedtime story tonight.	12 Read for 20 minutes today.	13 Listen to jazz music today. Write in your journal about how the music makes you feel.	14 It's Flag Day today. Sing the national anthem to celebrate.	15 Spend time in a flower garden today. Write in your journal about what you see.
16 It's Father's Day today. Read Todd Parr's <i>The Daddy Book</i> .	17 What season is it now in South America? Look it up!	18 Have a book picnic with your family. Bring along a lunch and plenty of books.	19 What's your favorite insect? Write a story or draw a picture about it.	20 Make up a funny rhyming song. Sing it to a family member.	21 It's the first day of summer. Look up "summer solstice." What happens to the sun then?	22 Ask an older sibling or friend to recommend a good book.
23 Write a list of ingredients to make cupcakes and bake them. How many books have you read from your summer reading list?	24 Read an extra book or chapter before you go to bed tonight.	25 Today is Eric Carle's birthday. Read <i>The Grouchy Ladybug</i> to celebrate.	26 Find a recipe for salsa and make it with a friend.	27 What does the word "speculate" mean? Look it up in the dictionary.	28 Today is Paul Bunyan Day. Read a tall tale.	29 Visit the library and check out a book about planets.
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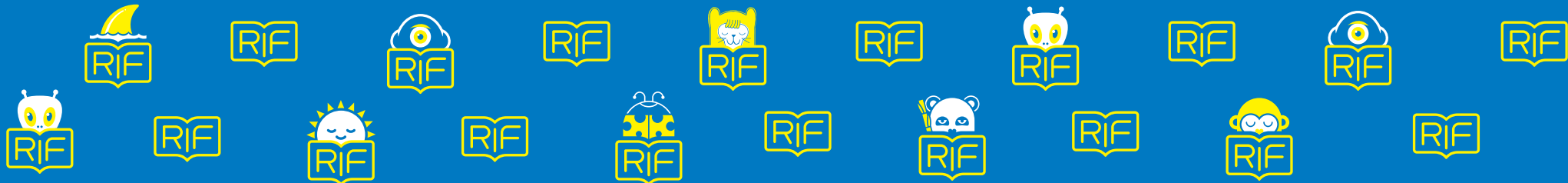


JULY 2013

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 It's International Joke Day. Tell a few knock-knock jokes to your friends	2 Read a book about famous pilot Amelia Earhart, who disappeared on this day in 1937.	3 Write a story about what you would do if you were a king or queen.	4 Happy 4th of July! Sing patriotic songs, such as "America the Beautiful" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."	5 July is named after Roman general Julius Caesar. Learn more about this important figure from ancient times.	6 Imagine a perfect day. Write in your journal about what you would do, eat, and wear.
	7 Today is the Japanese festival Tanabata. Write a wish on a slip of paper and hang it from a branch.	8 Create a secret code and use it to write a note to a friend. Be sure to give your friend the key to crack the code!	9 Have you started your summer reading? Visit the library today with a family member.	10 Find a recipe for a summer salad and make it for your family.	11 Happy Birthday, E.B. White! Celebrate the day by reading <i>Stuart Little</i> .	12 If you could invite your favorite book character to dinner, where would you go? Write about the experience.	13 Make a bookmark for a younger sibling, cousin, or friend today.
	14 Today is Bastille Day. Read a <i>Madeline</i> book to celebrate this important French holiday.	15 Corn is a popular summer food that is native to North America. What other foods come from this continent?	16 Read a folk tale from another country.	17 Eat a slice of watermelon and read Lisa Moser's <i>Watermelon Wishes</i> .	18 Make as many words as you can from the word "dictionary."	19 Write down all the reasons you like your favorite TV show.	20 Ask your local librarian to recommend a good mystery for you to read.
	21 Write a rap song about your favorite book.	22 Read the weather report in the newspaper today.	23 Happy National Mosquito Day! Read <i>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears</i> .	24 Turn off the TV and read today instead.	25 What does the word "toil" mean? Look it up and then use it in a story.	26 Learn how to do something new, like cross-stitch or play the card game Hearts.	27 Write a play with a group of friends. Act it out for your families.
	28 It's Beatrix Potter's birthday today. Read <i>The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin</i> .	29 Read Steven Schnur's <i>Summer: An Alphabet Acrostic</i> .	30 In honor of National Ice Cream Month, list all of your favorite flavors and find a recipe for one. Write it in your journal.	31 Find a cool spot to read today.			





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AUGUST 2013

READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 Francis Scott Key was born today in 1779. Read the history behind his creation of "The Star-Spangled Banner."	2 Today is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day. Write a poem about your favorite ice cream flavor.	3 Write in your journal about the best thing that's happened to you this summer.
4 It's the first day of National Smile Week. Make a list of all the things that make you smile.	5 Pretend it's winter and read <i>This Place Is Cold</i> by Vicki Cobb.	6 Happy Birthday, Alfred, Lord Tennyson! Read a poem by this former British poet laureate.	7 Ask faraway relatives to write you a letter telling you about their favorite books from childhood.	8 Have alphabet soup for lunch. Try to spell your name with the letters.	9 Today is Book Lover's Day. Celebrate by reading with your family this evening.	10 Yum! It's National S'Mores Day. Make this treat with friends and then tell ghost stories.
11 Find out if your favorite author has a website. If so, check it out!	12 Today is Walter Dean Myers' birthday. Read his book <i>Hoops</i> .	13 Make a list of all the school supplies you need for this school year.	14 Sit down with a friend and read <i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together</i> .	15 The Nineteenth Amendment was signed this month in 1920. Why is this amendment important?	16 Have you finished all of the books on your summer reading list?	17 Make up a back-to-school cheer.
18 Read <i>The Cat Ate My Gumsuit</i> in honor of Paula Danziger's birthday today	19 Write a list of animals that burrow underground. Visit the library and check out a book about one of these animals.	20 Make a collage illustrating a scene from a book you've read this summer.	21 Hawaii became the 50th state on this day in 1959. Read <i>Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai'i</i> by Gerald McDermott.	22 Find a recipe for lasagna and make this tasty dish with your family.	23 Visit the library. Ask the librarian to recommend a good back-to-school book.	24 Cal Ripken, Jr. was born on this day in 1960. Learn more about this famous baseball player.
25 Learn to say, "Hello, my name is..." in another language.	26 It's National Dog Day. Do you prefer dogs or cats? Why? Write a story or draw a picture.	27 Try to do the crossword puzzle from the newspaper with your family.	28 Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on this day in 1963. Read this important speech.	29 Look up the word "swelter" and use it in a story.	30 Today is Virginia Lee Burton's birthday. Read her <i>The Little House</i> .	31 How many books did you read this summer? Count them. Congratulate yourself on a job well done!



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Grade 3 and Grade 4

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aldrin, Buzz. ***Look to the Stars***. Putnam's, 2009. Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin traces the history of air and space exploration from Isaac Newton to the International Space Station and Mars using personal insights and conversational text.
- Barber, Tiki and Ronde, with Paul Mantell. ***Go Long***. Simon & Schuster, 2008. After Coach Spangler leaves their junior high, thirteen-year-old twins Tiki and Ronde wonder if his replacement, history teacher Mr. Wheeler, can coach the Eagles to another winning football season. *Series*
- Barton, Chris. ***The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors***. Charlesbridge, 2009. Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. ***Little Dog, Lost***. Atheneum, 2012. A dog without a boy, a boy without a dog, and an elderly gentleman without a sense of belonging follow their star-crossed paths and find that love, compassion, and charity can cure loneliness and restore balance to their lives.
- Beccia, Carlyn. ***I Feel Better With A Frog In My Throat: History's Strangest Cures***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Many of today's most reliable cure-alls have their roots in some very peculiar practices, and so relevant connections can be drawn from what they did then to what we do now.
- Becker, Bonny. ***The Magical Ms. Plum***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Each of the students in Ms. Plum's third grade classroom receives a visit from a magical creature that comes out of her supply closet just for him or her.
- Birdsall, Jeanne. ***The Penderwicks on Gardam Street***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating, and they hatch a plot to stop him *Series*
- Birney, Betty G. ***Mysteries According to Humphrey***. Putnam's, 2012. After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try and discover why Mrs. Brisbane is gone and Mr. E., a fun but not very educational substitute, is taking her place in Room 26 at Longfellow School. *Series*
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Snakes***. Scholastic, 2012. Naturalist Nic Bishop provides an in-depth examination of snakes, including details on the characteristics, habitats, and abilities of various species of reptiles.
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard From the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. This picture book shows that young Thomas Edison was a hard worker who was curious about everything, read a lot of books, studied diligently for years, and was passionate about inventing.

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- Buckley, Carol. **Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends.** Putnam's, 2009. This photo essay recounts the true story of Tarra, an elephant who befriends a stray dog named Bella at the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Case of the School Ghost.** Whitman, 2012. When Buddy, a therapy dog, attends the fourth grade sleepover in the school's library, he solves the mystery of the school ghost. *Series*
- Chin-Lee, Cynthia. **Amelia to Zora: Twenty-Six Women Who Changed the World.** Charlesbridge, 2005. From Amelia Earhart, pilot and adventurer, to Zora Neal Hurston, writer and anthropologist, readers learn about the hardships and triumphs of twenty-six amazing women and discover what inspired each one to change the world around her.
- Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle.** HarperCollins, 1965. A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
- Colburn, Cherie Foster. **Bloomin' Tales: Legends of Seven Favorite Texas Wildflowers.** Bright Sky Press, 2012. Seven tales from Texas reveal the stories behind wildflowers as they were told by Native Americans, Mexicans, or European settlers. Includes fun facts about each flower and notes on the stories.
- Collins, Suzanne. **Gregor the Overlander.** Scholastic, 2003. Hurlled into a fantastical realm below New York City, Gregor finds himself wrapped up in a war between these underground worlds where his fate and that of his little sister and missing father are in his hands. *Series*
- Cowell, Cressida. **How to Train Your Dragon.** Little, Brown, 2003. In this silly chapter book, the Viking boy Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, son of the chief, finds himself needing to find and train a dragon as becomes an unlikely hero in the process. *Series*
- Cowley, Joy. **Chicken Feathers.** Philomel, 2008. This is the tale of Josh's summer when his mother is in the hospital awaiting the birth of his baby sister, and his pet chicken Semolina, who talks only to him, is almost killed by a red fox.
- Cronin, Doreen. **The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery.** Balzer + Bray, 2012. The search and rescue dog named J.J. is ready for a bit of rest and relaxation after solving the mystery of the missing chicks; but there is a new dog next door who is stealing the attention of Moosh and her chicks, and the threat of a roaming possum keeps J.J. on the alert. *Series*
- Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.** Alfred A. Knopf, 1964. Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.
- Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade Crime.** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. Following *The Lemonade War*, Scott Spencer, an alleged thief, is put on trial by his classmates who construct an authentic tribunal to determine his fate and end up surprising themselves with their verdict. *Series*

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- Dowson, Nick. **North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration.** Candlewick, 2011. This book follows animals such as gray whales, terns, wolves and caribou as they journey north to the Arctic where they will join the polar bear, arctic hare, and fox to feed and breed all summer.
- Durand, Hallie. **Dessert First.** Atheneum, 2009. Third grader Dessert's love of treats leads to a change in her large family's dinner routine, then to an awful mistake, and later to a true sacrifice after her teacher, Mrs. Howdy Doody, urges students to march to the beat of their own drums. *Series*
- Edwards, Roberta. **Who Is Jane Goodall?** Grosset & Dunlap, 2012. This chapter book biography covers the exciting life of English primatologist Jane Goodall and her life's work of living with the chimpanzees of Tanzania.
- Fleming, Candace. **The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary.** Schwartz & Wade, 2007. Fourth Grade teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Jupiter, takes his energetic students on a wild and woolly ride through the school year.
- Fleming, Candace. **Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. Tired of being tormented by bullies, a hungry old alligator conjures up a way to add some special ingredients to his gumbo.
- Foxley, Janet. **Muncle Trogg.** Scholastic, 2012. Bullied and despised for being human-sized, a young giant demonstrates his bravery and cleverness in a series of adventures. *Series*
- Freeman, Martha. **The Case of the Piggy Bank Thief.** Holiday House, 2012. Tessa and her sister Cammie, daughters of the first female U.S. president, explore the mystery of the gold that is found on the White House property and are further perplexed because Tessa's piggy bank has disappeared. *Series*
- Gardiner, John Reynolds. **Stone Fox.** First published 1980. Willy hopes to win the purse in a dog sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm.
- Gherman, Beverly. **First Mothers.** Clarion, 2012. Discover everything you ever wanted to know about the lives of the mothers of U.S. presidents, including facts about their sons.
- Graff, Lisa. **Sophie Simon Solves Them All.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. Third-grader Sophie Simon ignores her parents' concerns over her lack of friends and continues to focus on getting a graphing calculator so that she can study calculus on the bus to school.
- Greene, Stephanie. **Sophie Hartley, On Strike.** Clarion, 2006. When Sophie's mother makes a jobs list for the Hartley children, Sophie and her siblings go on strike, never expecting it to backfire. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. **Mission Unstoppable.** Harper, 2011. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. *Series*

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- Gutman, Dan. ***Nightmare at the Book Fair***. Simon & Schuster, 2008. Fifth-grader Trip Dinkleman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a book fair traveling book case and becomes a character in a series of different books including a horror story, an adventure, and a fantasy.
- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May or May Not Exist***. Darby Creek, 2006. Cryptozoology is the study of animals that may or may not be real: familiar animals like Bigfoot and Loch Ness Monster, and those that are less familiar like the Marozi of Kenya and the Orang-pendek of Sumatra and the Thylacine of Tasmania. Meet these and more in this introduction to cryptozoology.
- Harley, Avis. ***African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways***. Candlewick, 2009. Entertaining acrostic poems about African animals provide readers information both about the animals as well as the various forms of acrostic poems.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace and the Double Surprise***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. In the seventh book of the series, Grace's best friend, Mimi, is surprised to get an adopted brother instead of a sister; a double surprise is that Grace's parents finally say yes to getting a dog. *Series*
- Hatkoff, Juliana et al. ***Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue***. Scholastic, 2010. This story of rescue and survival of an orphaned snow leopard begins in the mountains of Pakistan and ends at the Bronx Zoo, allowing readers to learn about the life of these rare cats while documenting the determined cooperation of international animal conservationists.
- Helman, Andrea. ***Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts***. Walker, 2008. This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat.
- Hopkins, Jackie Mims. ***Joe Bright and the Seven Genre Dudes***. Upstart Books, 2010. Stella, the master storyteller of a storybook kingdom, is threatened by Joe Bright's ability to tell stories and sends him deep into the dark forest where Joe meets the Seven Genre Dudes, brothers who care for various types of books at the local library.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Annie and Helen***. Schwartz & Wade, 2012. Expressive and inspired illustrations combine with poetic text in this poignant story of the relationship between Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, with personal citations by Annie from her letters home.
- Kelly, Mark. ***Mousetronaut: Based on a (Partially) True Story***. Simon & Schuster, 2012. A small but plucky mouse named Mike is sure that he can help the Space Shuttle astronauts and ends up saving the whole mission.
- Klise, Kate. ***The Phantom of the Post Office***. Harcourt, 2012. Seymour Hope and his friend Wy Fye must expose the mysterious, troublesome individual who is determined to close the Ghastly post office that will ultimately sever the connection of the mansion's ghostwriters with their fans. *Series*

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- Krosoczka, Jarrett. ***Lunch Lady and the Field Trip Fiasco***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. Superhero Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch save the day from art thieves in this fun graphic novel set in an art museum. *Series*
- LaFevers, R. L. ***Flight of the Phoenix***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Ten-year-old Nate is sent to live with a family cousin, the world's last beastologist, after his parents are declared lost at sea, but danger mounts when he is brought on an expedition to the Arabian Desert, gets lost, and must protect a newly hatched phoenix egg and rescue his guardian. *Series*
- Larsen, C. S. ***Crust & Spray: Gross Stuff in Your Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat***. Millbrook, 2010. Prepare to be both grossed out and educated by the wacky descriptions and graphic close-up pictures of the fluids and ooze generated by the human body.
- Lewis, J. Patrick. ***Last Laughs: Animal Epitaphs***. Charlesbridge, 2012. The pictures and poetry are a little dark; but the droll, tongue-in-cheek humor of these last poems for animals will make you chuckle.
- Lin, Grace. ***Dumpling Days***. Little, Brown, 2012. Pacy and her family fly to Taiwan to visit family, celebrate her grandmother's 60th birthday, and learn what it means to be Taiwanese even without speaking the language. *Series*
- Low, Alice. ***The Fastest Game on Two Feet and Other Poems About How Sports Began***. Holiday House, 2009. This book contains funny poems about various sports as well as a brief paragraph about the origin of each sport.
- Lowry, Lois. ***The Birthday Ball***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Princess Patricia Priscilla is not looking forward to her birthday when she has to choose a suitor, so she switches places with her chambermaid so she can attend school with the commoners.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. First published 1985. This sweet prairie tale of a family's experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. *Series*
- Malam, John. ***You Wouldn't Want to be a Roman Gladiator! Gory Things You'd Rather Not Know***. Franklin Watts, 2001. Learn what it was like to be a Roman gladiator in this light-hearted introduction to the life and training of a Roman gladiator.
- Markle, Sandra. ***Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories***. Millbrook, 2009. Nine riveting tales share examples of animals saving humans, along with photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior.
- McCully, Emily Arnold. ***Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse***. Holt, 2010. Bill "Doc" Key, who was a former slave, trains his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and perform around the country, ultimately teaching others to treat animals humanely.

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- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- Michelson, Richard. ***Twice as Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf Course Designed, Built and Owned by an African American.*** Sleeping Bear Press, 2012. A biography of William J. Powell, an African American golfer, discussing his becoming a caddie and learning to play golf, the discrimination he faced trying to compete, and building his own golf course where anyone was welcome.
- Moss, Marissa. ***Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero.*** Abrams Books, 2011. The author describes the life of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who disguised herself as a man, took the name Frank Thompson, joined a Michigan army regiment to fight in the Civil War, served as a nurse on the battlefield, and became a spy.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh.*** Atheneum, 1991. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Honor Book 1992. *Series*
- Nobleman, Marc Tyler. ***Bill, the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman.*** Charlesbridge, 2012. Although Bob Kane is featured as the creator of Batman, a second, unsung, anonymous architect of the superhero by the name of Bill Finger worked steadfastly as designer, writer, and costumer of the Caped Crusader and was only acknowledged for his contributions through the efforts of his friends after his death.
- Nolan, Lucy. ***Bad to the Bone.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Neighboring dogs, Down Girl and Sit, are discovering that their owners are very hard to train. *Series*
- O'Connor, Barbara. ***The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.
- O'Malley, Kevin. ***Once Upon a Royal Superbaby.*** Walker, 2010. A boy and a girl, having created a story for school, must use their talents to come up with a new story of what happens to the Dude, his fair maiden, and their royal superbaby after they are captured by an evil wizard. *Series*
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Abe Lincoln at Last!*** Random House, 2011. The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to Washington D.C. in the 1860s where they meet Abraham Lincoln and collect a feather that will help break a magic spell.
- Peck, Richard. ***Secrets at Sea: A Novel.*** Dial Books, 2011. In 1887, the social-climbing Cranstons travel by ship from New York to London, where they hope to find a husband for their awkward older daughter who is secretly accompanied by Helena and her mouse siblings.

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- Peot, Margaret. ***Inkblot: Drip, Splat, and Squish Your Way to Creativity.*** Boyds Mills, 2011. In addition to interesting facts about the world of art, step-by-step instructions and examples are provided for using inkblots to spark creativity.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***The Keeping Quilt.*** First published 1988. Follow the author's family's quilt through several generations, from its creation by the first generation immigrant family all the way to the present generation.
- Preus, Margi. ***Celebritrees: Historic & Famous Trees of the World.*** Holt, 2010. Read about fourteen trees from around the world that are significant in history or legend, such as the Bodhi Tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment, reminding us that these fascinating trees bring us pleasure and tell us about history.
- Primavera, Elise. ***Libby of High Hopes.*** Simon & Schuster, 2012. When ten-year-old Libby Thump stumbles upon High Hopes Horse Farm and finds her dream horse, Princess, a prize-winning jumping horse that has been put out to pasture, Libby tries to convince her parents to give her riding lessons.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Lemonade & Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word.*** Roaring Brook, 2011. In this double treat for the brain and eyes, these concrete poems are cleverly formed from the letters of the poem's title.
- Raczka, Bob. ***The Vermeer Interviews: Conversations with Seven Works of Art.*** Millbrook, 2009. Seven of Johannes Vermeer's most famous paintings, such as "The Milkmaid" and "The Geographer," come to life through interviews with the subjects to reveal artistic techniques and subtler aspects of Vermeer's unique photographic-style art.
- Raven, Margot Theis. ***Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot: A True Story of the Berlin Airlift and the Candy That Dropped From the Sky.*** Sleeping Bear Press, 2002. In this true story of a young German girl, Mercedes Simon, Gail Halvorsen and other American pilots shared hope and joy with the children of West Berlin by dropping candy-filled parachutes during the Airlift.
- Reifman, Steve. ***Chase Against Time.*** Brown Books, 2012. Fifth grader Chase Manning is put in charge of finding a missing cello that is supposed to be auctioned at a fund-raising dinner to save the music program.
- Root, Phyllis. ***Paula Bunyan.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Paula Bunyan is a rough, tough lady with a singing voice that cracks windows, a live bear for a foot warmer, and a heart for the environment in this fun folk tale set in the North Woods.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***The Wonder Book.*** Harper, 2010. Silly poems, puns, and jokes are illustrated with happy line drawings in this humorous book full of word play.
- Roy, Ron. ***Detective Camp.*** Random House, 2006. Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are at Detective Camp and right away discover a crime. *Series*

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- Ryder, Joanne. ***Panda Kindergarten***. Collins, 2009. Simple text and enticing color photographs follow sixteen giant panda cubs as they eat, play, and nap during the day at the Wolong Nature Preserve in China.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Spaceheadz 2***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. The aliens are back in a humorous encounter between aliens, agents, kindergarteners, and 5th graders. Includes an interactive website and a challenge to find a million new Spaceheadz. *Series*
- Shefelman, Janice. ***I, Vivaldi***. Eerdmans Books, 2008. This picture book biography describes how Vivaldi grew to be a famous musician, despite his mother's vow for him to become a priest.
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Poems about pond life throughout the year and factual annotations are contained in this beautifully illustrated book.
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. In fourteen poems, this picture book blends poetry, science, and art in celebrating the earth's most resilient and long-lived species.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***Every Thing On It: Poems and Drawings***. Harper, 2011. Enjoy another remarkable collection of playful poems by the magical Shel Silverstein.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***A Full Moon is Rising: Poems***. Lee & Low, 2011. A collection of illustrated poems about events and beliefs from around the world involving the full moon. Includes a map and biographical references.
- Spielman, Gloria. ***Marcel Marceau: Master of Mime***. Kar-Ben, 2011. A picture book biography of Marcel Marceau discusses how Charlie Chaplin influenced his desire to become a silent actor, looks at how he used his talents during World War II to help the Jews, and discusses his development into the world's best-known mime.
- Spinelli, Jerry. ***Third Grade Angels***. Arthur A. Levine, 2012. George 'Suds' Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated. *Series*
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***The San Francisco Earthquake, 1906***. Scholastic, 2012. Ten-year-old Leo loves being a newsboy in San Francisco; but early one spring morning in 1906 Leo's world is shaken when he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground. *Series*
- Tavares, Matt. ***Henry Aaron's Dream***. Candlewick, 2010. In this beautiful picture book biography of Henry "Hank" Aaron, Henry overcomes many obstacles to realize his childhood dream of becoming a major league baseball player.
- Taylor, Barbara. ***Hidden in the Grass***. QEB, 2011. This book gives examples of how animals in North American and African grasslands use camouflage to help them adapt to their habitats and hide from predators. *Series*

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- Taylor, Sarah Stewart. ***Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. In graphic novel format, Amelia Earhart's life is described with a focus on the successful Atlantic crossing in 1928.
- Temple, Bob. ***The Titanic: An Interactive History Adventure***. Capstone, 2008. The reader's choices reveal the historical details of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 from the perspective of a first-class passenger, a third-class passenger, and a crew member.
- Trine, Greg. ***The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich***. Holt, 2006. After graduating from the Superhero Academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers. *Series*
- Vail, Rachel. ***Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters***. Feiwel and Friends, 2010. Written in diary form, Justin writes honestly about his worries and observations of life in the third grade. *Series*
- Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Queen of the Falls***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. This biography tells about Annie Edson Taylor, a retired instructor of a charm school, who decided to attempt to go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel at the age of sixty-two.
- Wallace, Bill. ***Upchuck and the Rotten Willy***. Aladdin, 1998. Chuck, the cat, lonesome since his Katie goes to college, ventures out and meets a beast, big and black, named Rotten Willy, who has a heart of gold. *Series*
- Wallace, Rich. ***The Ball Hogs***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. In this beginning chapter book, Mark and Ben, both highly competitive, refuse to pass the soccer ball but eventually realize that their best chance of winning is working together. *Series*
- Wheeler, Lisa. ***Old Cricket***. Atheneum, 2003. Old Cricket does not feel like helping his wife and neighbors prepare for winter, so he pretends to have all sorts of ailments that require the doctor's care; but hungry Old Crow has other ideas.
- Winter, Jonah. ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!*** Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Learn about Sandy Koufax, a powerful left-handed pitcher for the New York Dodgers, a practicing Jew who would not play baseball on High Holy days, and a mystery man who quit baseball after the best season of his career.
- Yee, Lisa. ***Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)***. Arthur A. Levine, 2010. In this hilarious sequel to *Bobby the Brave (Accidentally)*, Bobby must confront his fears of surviving asthma attacks at the worst possible moments, playing football with his super-dad, avoiding the 27-toed neighbor cat, and taking the stage to dance in the school musical. *Series*
- Yezerksi, Thomas F. ***Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. New Jersey's Meadowlands, which have been recovering from decades of human destruction, are now mending thanks to community activism.
- Young, Ed. ***The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China***. Little, Brown, 2011. Ed Young describes his childhood home, which was built by his father in Shanghai, and reflects on his fond memories of playing in the home while guests moved in to seek safety from the war affecting China.

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