



Reading Rockets

Reading Adventure Packs First Grade



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Reading Adventure Packs

Dear Families,

Exploring new ideas and enjoying books with you sends a powerful message to your child: Reading and learning are fun, and happen everywhere – not just at school. These Reading Rockets Adventure Packs were created to help you and your child enjoy reading and learning together.

Reading Rockets carefully chose books that are widely available and appealing to young readers. If the two featured titles are not available, or you prefer another title, feel free to substitute books related to the theme. You'll find a list of alternative titles included in the bookmark.

Start your learning adventure by reading some books with your child about the popular topic. Then explore the topic with three activities.

We hope you'll enjoy reading and learning together!

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The bookmark lists both the featured titles and additional titles.



The imagination activity encourages imaginative play, writing or drawing.



The creative activity is a hands-on craft project.

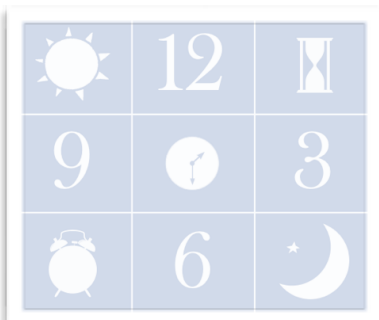


The get real activity focuses on real-world experiences for parent and child.



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Time Adventure Pack

The Very Grouchy Ladybug, by Eric Carle, follows a cranky bug through the hours of the day, as she argues with many animals. Classic Carle illustrations include beautiful animals, a clock, and the sun moving across the sky. In *Telling Time* Jules Older provides a fun explanation of time concepts and how to read clocks.

Hanning, E. (2009). *Time Adventure Pack*.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-time>



Folktales Adventure Pack

The Folktale Adventure Pack pairs a folktale that explains something about nature with a nonfiction book. The featured books are *Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti*, by Gerald McDermott, and *The Moon Book*, by Gail Gibbons. The *Anansi* story tells how the spider's sons rescue him from danger; their reward ends up becoming the moon. *The Moon Book* describes the moon's movement, phases, exploration, and beliefs about it.

Hanning, E.. (2009). *Folktales Adventure Pack*

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Environment Adventure Pack

The Great Kapok Tree, by Lynne Cherry, tells the story of the rainforest animals who persuade a man not to cut down their tree by whispering in his ear while he sleeps. *I See a Kookaburra!* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page, explores animals and habitats from all around the world with beautiful cut-paper illustrations.

Hanning, E. (2009). *Environment Adventure Pack*.

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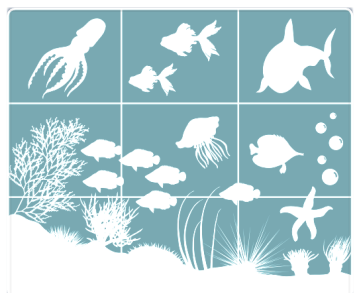


The Lorax Adventure Pack

The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss, tells the story of how the greedy Once-ler hacks down Truffula trees in order to make Thneeds, a rather frivolous item that he believes everyone needs. The Lorax disagrees and tries to reason with the Once-ler to get him to see the consequences of his actions on the environment, but is ignored and the Lorax himself must flee when all is destroyed. In *Tell Me, Tree*, by Gail Gibbons, we learn how to identify different kinds of trees as well as the parts of a tree, inside and out. The book also discusses the important roles trees play in our lives.

Walker, R. (2011). *The Lorax Adventure Pack*.

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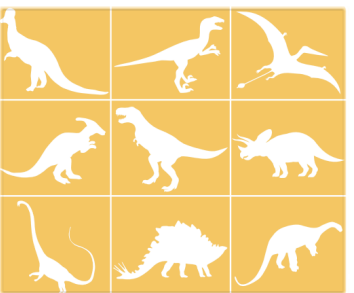


Oceans Adventure Pack

Flotsam, the beautifully illustrated wordless picture book by David Wiesner, reveals the secrets held in a wave-battered underwater camera found on the beach by a young boy. After the boy has the camera's film developed, imaginations are put to work as the reader views photographs of a curious world under the sea. In *The Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor*, by Joanna Cole readers also get an unusual look at what's beneath the ocean's waves as Ms. Frizzle and her students take an exciting field trip to explore the animal and plant life of the ocean. The book also discusses tides, waves, and ocean topography.

Walker, R. (2011). *Oceans Adventure Pack*.

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Dinosaurs Adventure Pack

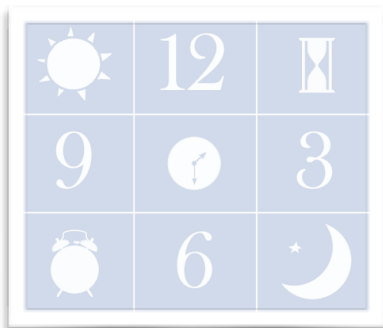
The featured books for the Dinosaurs Activity Packet are *Dinosaurs!* by Gail Gibbons and *Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff. During a visit to a museum, Danny encounters a dinosaur that turns out to be real and they leave the museum for a day of adventure in *Danny and the Dinosaur*. Gail Gibbons, a leading author in nonfiction for children, offers an excellent introduction to dinosaurs of many shapes and sizes in *Dinosaurs!*

Walker, R. (2009). *Dinosaurs Adventure Pack*.

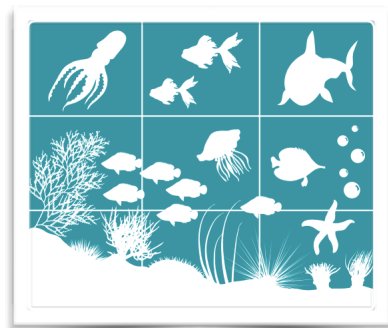
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Aventuras con la lectura

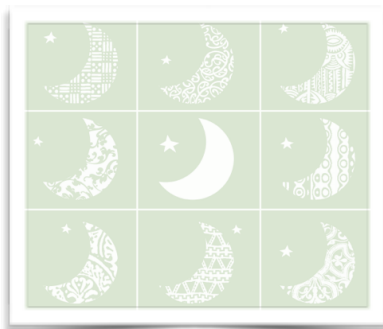
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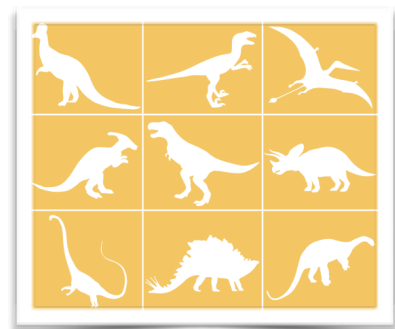
El tiempo



Océanos



Cuentos populares



Español no disponible



El medio ambiente



El árbol: The Lorax

Additional Resources

These videos and articles provide you with more information about how to support your child as they practice foundational reading skills at home.

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Article: [PEER: Talking While you Read](#)
Video: [Bear Says Thanks](#)
Video: [Llama Llama and the Bully Goat](#)
REL: Southeast (2020)



Article: [Challenging and Important Words](#)
Video: [I Want to be a Vet](#)
REL: Southeast (2020)



Article in English: [Tips for Reading Aloud](#)
Artículo en español: [Consejos para padres de niños](#)
Reading Rockets (2008)



Article: [How to Read Aloud Nonfiction](#)
Video: [Reading Aloud Nonfiction](#)
Reading Rockets (2011)



Article in English: [How to Read an e-Book](#)
Artículo en español: [Cómo leer un libro electrónico con su hijo](#)
Reading Rockets (2013)

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Regional Educational Laboratory Southeast at Florida State University (2020, June 10). Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/southeast/foundations/index.asp>.