



Reading Rockets

Reading Adventure Packs Third Grade





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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.

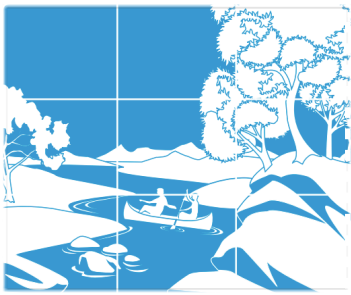


The get real activity focuses on real-world experiences for parent and child.



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Rivers Adventure Pack

Paddle-to-the-Sea, which received a Caldecott Honor in 1942, Clancy Holling tells the exciting story of the water journey of a wooden carving created and named Paddle-to-the-Sea by a young Indian boy. The wooden figure has many adventures and makes many friends who help him eventually live up to his name. The Big Rivers: the Missouri, the Mississippi, and the Ohio, by Bruce Hiscock, explores three big U.S. rivers, with a particular focus on the major flooding of these rivers in 1993. The book also covers drainage basins, erosion issues, and the water cycle.

Walker, R. (2012). *Rivers Adventure Pack*.

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



Money Adventure Pack

A Chair for My Mother, by Vera B. Williams, offers a touching lesson about the rewards of hard work, thrift, and savings. Rosa, her mother, and her grandmother lost all their possessions in a fire. While generous friends and family members help them begin to refurnish their apartment, they long for a comfortable chair. Together, they work and save until they have enough money to bring home the most beautiful chair in the world. In Money, Joe Crib's detailed, full-color photographs help explain the history of money and how coins and paper money are made. There are also interesting facts about money, a look at currency around the world and tips on coin collecting.

Walker, R. (2012). *Money Adventure Pack*

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Bees Adventure Pack

The Bee Tree, by Patricia Polacco offers a lesson about the rewards of hard work. Mary Ellen is reluctant to spend time indoors reading, so her grandfather creates an adventure that has them — and half the village — following a bee to its home and to the results of its hard work — its honey. In The Life and Times of the Honeybee, Charles Micucci's detailed, full-color illustrations help explain the complex world inside a beehive and the fascinating process of making honey. Readers get the facts on the life cycle of bees, their work, and their relationship with people and plants.

Walker, R. (2012). *Bees Adventure Pack*.

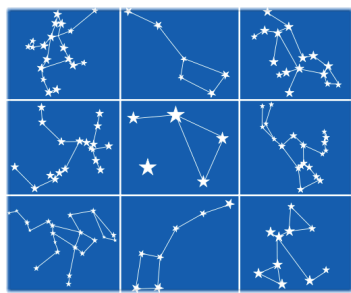
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Stars Adventure Pack

Her Seven Brothers, by Paul Goble, is a retelling of the Cheyenne legend about the creation of the Big Dipper. A young Indian girl who has a special gift for embroidery learns from the spirits that she must leave her home and search for a new one with seven brothers. In Find the Constellations, H.A. Rey presents the stars and constellations in a straightforward and easy-to-understand format. There are also detailed sky views and simple illustrations that help readers turn stargazing into a wonderful game.

Walker, R. (2012). *Stars Adventure Pack*.

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Flight Adventure Pack

In The Adventures of Sparrowboy, by Brian Pinkney, a newspaper delivery boy named Henry has a unique encounter with a sparrow and the bird somehow transfers his power of flight to Henry. Like his favorite comic strip hero, Falconman, Henry uses his new power to defend the defenseless and also deliver his papers as he flies through the air. Flying Machine, an Eyewitness Book by Andrew Nahum, offers detailed, full-color photographs and illustrations to explain man's fascination with flight and efforts throughout history to achieve human flight. Readers also get the facts on the physics of flight and information about aviation pioneers.

Walker, R. (2012). *Flight Adventure Pack*

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Government Adventure Pack

When packing for this reading adventure about our government we suggest you include Madam President by Lane Smith and How the U.S. Government Works by Syl Sobel. In *Madame President*, a little girl does what all kids do at some point—imagines that she is the President of the United States—and cleverly introduces readers to the duties of the President. *How the U.S. Government Works* introduces the powers and responsibilities of all the branches of government and covers the basics of our federal system.

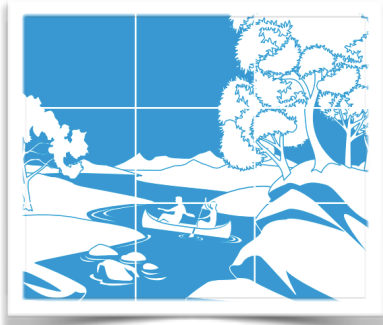
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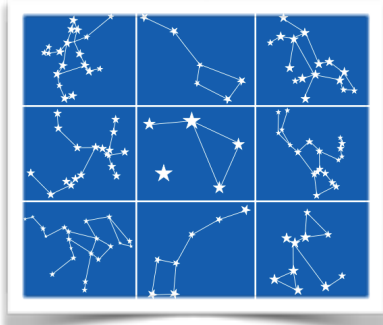


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Los ríos



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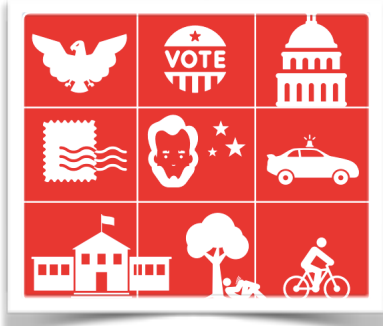
El dinero



El vuelo



Las abejas



Gobierno

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](#)
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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)

Reading Rockets (2020, June 10). Reading Rockets: <https://www.readingrockets.org/>.

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>.