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EDITORIAL CALENDAR
2025-2026

FALL 2025

	September	October	November	December/January
In the News Featured Skill: Summarizing	Can You Trust Your Feed? Navigating the new world of online news (and misinformation)	Extreme Heat How are communities around the globe adapting to record-high temperatures?	The End of the Penny Why is the U.S. ending penny production—and what does that mean for you?	Coming Soon!
Nonfiction Feature Featured Skill: Text Evidence	Surviving the Storm Last September, western North Carolina was ravaged by deadly flash floods. This is the true story of a teen who lived through the disaster.	The Story of Salem The gripping true story of the Salem witch trials	Saving the Florida Panther These fierce cats once roamed the eastern U.S. before they were hunted to near extinction. Can we bring them back?	Disaster in the Sky How the tragedy of the 1986 Challenger mission changed space exploration forever
Play/Fiction Featured Skill: Inference	How to Make S'mores A school trip teaches Raniya some important lessons about adjusting to her new life in the United States.	The Doomed Quest A thrilling play based on the epic of Gilgamesh	Fancy Dancer A touching short story about connecting to your culture—and finding the strength to be yourself.	A Christmas Carol A timely play that takes gives the classic story by Charles Dickens a modern twist!
True Teen Story Featured Skill: Text Structure	Giving Back with Bikes Learn how Dom turned his passion for biking into a way to serve his community.	A Walking Miracle Our True Teen Story Contest winner shares what it's like to survive childhood cancer.	Meet a Real-Life Fancy Dancer Tank talks about the magic of pow-wows. (Special Fiction pairing!)	Out of the Ashes Read about how Avery helped teens in her California community after January's devastating wildfires.
Paired Texts Featured Skills: Compare and Contrast, Synthesis	Movies: Then and Now Compare and contrast two informational texts about how cinema has changed over time	Blood-Sucking Beasts Compare and contrast the mythology surrounding vampires with the legend of the chupacabra.	Dream World Synthesize a fascinating informational text about why we dream with a beautiful poem by Gary Soto.	Standing Up for Clean Water Synthesize a nonfiction text and infographic about Mari Copeny's fight to solve America's water crisis.

SPRING 2026 SNEAK PEEK

Check out what else is coming up next school year!

Nonfiction Feature: **These Schools Can Float**

Thousands of schools in Bangladesh are flooded every year, depriving many kids of an education. Meet the incredible student who grew up to discover a life-changing solution.

Readers Theater Play: **Beware the Thunder**

A humorous adaptation of Washington Irving's classic short story "Rip Van Winkle"

Graphic Fiction: **The New Girl**

Dip into the science fiction genre with this charming short story about a mysterious new student.

Paired Texts: **Flight of the Monarchs**

Each year, millions of monarchs make an incredible journey across North America. Find out why they're in trouble—and how we can help save them.