




Topics for 2025-2026

America turns 250 in 2026.
We're celebrating all year long!
Look for the  for related topics.

September 2025



Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Get Set for School!	School routines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Nonfiction text features• Decode words• Writing
Long Ago and Today	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Compare/contrast• Text evidence• Sequencing
Good School Citizens 	Civics and school rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Writing• Key details• Punctuation
Urban and Rural Community Jobs	Types of communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Map skills• Compare/contrast• Read a graph




October 2025



Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Spooky Season	Animal adaptations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a diagram• Opinion writing• Nonfiction text features
Fire Safety	Health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Character traits• Read a diagram• Writing
Pumpkins: From the Patch to Your Party	Agriculture; economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Sequencing• Read a life cycle• Diagrams
Germ	Responsible decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Text evidence• Read a bar graph• Key details


November 2025





Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Veterans Day 	Civics and Patriotism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Self-reflection• Capitalization• Read a diagram
Native American Heritage Month 	Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Nonfiction text features• Writing• Key details
Thanksgiving 	American traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a timeline• Cause and effect• Text evidence
Ready for Winter (animal adaptations)	Seasonal changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Compare/contrast• Nonfiction text features• Main idea and details

December/January 2025/26




Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 	American history and civics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a timeline• Character traits• Capitalization
Winter Holidays	Culture and traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a chart• Compare/contrast• Writing
Ice and Snow Sports (Winter Olympics)	Properties of water; news	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a chart• Text evidence• Key details
Penguins	Animal habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Writing• Nonfiction• Sequencing

February 2026

Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Black History Month 	American history	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a timeline• Key details• Character traits
Presidents' Day 	History and government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Compare/contrast• Sequencing• Capitalization
Valentine's Day	Culture and traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Text evidence• Opinion writing• Visual discrimination
Lunar New Year	Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Nonfiction text features• Writing• Key details

March 2026



Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Read Across America Day	Literature studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Genre features• Text evidence• Opinion writing
Betsy Ross: Our Flag 	American history	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Sequencing• Nonfiction text features• Fact/opinion
Celebrate Spring	Culture and holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a calendar• Writing• Key details
Seeds and Plants	Plant growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a diagram• Classifying/sorting• Nonfiction text features


April 2026



Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Earth Day	Earth's resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Writing• Engineering• Read a chart
Insect Life Cycles (compare two)	Characteristics of animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Compare/contrast• Read a life cycle• Nonfiction text features
Dinosaurs/Fossils	Earth science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Sequencing• Read a map• Text evidence
Meet a Cool Kid	Current events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Key details• Writing• Nonfiction text features

May/June 2026



Topic	Science/Social Studies Focus	Skills Practice
Water Safety	Responsible decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Cause/effect• Nonfiction text features• Writing
World Cup	Current events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a map• Key details• Read a chart
Amusement Park Science	Forces and motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Key details• Writing• Read a diagram
Happy Birthday, America! 	American history; civics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocabulary and comprehension• Read a timeline• Text evidence• Opinion writing