

 SCHOLASTIC

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**Calendar Preview
2025-2026**

September
2025

Amazing Animal Tales



Stories About Amazing Animals

Picture This!

Squirrel in the Sky

Take a close look at a flying squirrel.

Science Focus

Animal adaptations

ELA Focus

Photos and labels

Big Read-Aloud

A Dog's Amazing Journey

Could a lost dog find his way home?

Science Focus

Animal senses

ELA Focus

Ask and answer questions

Short Nonfiction

Lemurs in the Library

How two escaped lemurs ended up at a school.

Science Focus

People helping animals

ELA Focus

Key details

Early Reader Fiction

No Lemurs in School

Pair this funny story with the short nonfiction.

ELA Focus

Fiction and nonfiction

Other Stories

Silly Story: Fun Phonics

I Am Zog

Meet a silly monster family, and decode cvc words.

Foundational Skills

Phonics: cvc words with short o

Alike and Different

Pizza Party or Taco Time?

Pick your favorite.

Social Studies Focus

Culture

ELA Focus

Comparing, opinions

Past to Present

The True Story of Crocs

Find out how this weird shoe took over the world.

Social Studies Focus

Changes over time

ELA Focus

Sequencing

Mini Graphic: Sticky Situation

I Really Have to Go!

What should Sam do?

Life and Social Skills

Asking for help

ELA Focus

Text-to-self connections

Poetry Kit

Emoji Man

Listen to the poem, and finish each rhyme.

Foundational Skills

Phonological awareness

October/
November 2025

Let's Read Mysteries



Mystery Stories

Background Builder
**The Legend of
Champ the Lake
Monster**

ELA Focus
Build background
knowledge

Big Read-Aloud
Lake Monster Mystery
Could there really be a giant
creature in Lake Champlain?

Social Studies Focus
Culture

ELA Focus
Key Details

Early Reader Fiction
**The Missing
Pumpkin Pie**
An mystery story by
Doug Cushman

ELA Focus
Mystery genre

How-to Text
**The Mystery of the
Floating Pencil**
Try a simple magic
trick!

ELA Focus
Following directions

Other Stories

Picture This!
Grow a Jack O'Lantern
Pumpkins that grow in the
shape of a head!

Science Focus
How plants grow

ELA Focus
Photos and labels

Alike and Different
Slime or Squish Toys?
Which do you want to
play with?

ELA Focus
Comparing, opinion writing

Short Nonfiction
Pop Goes Bluey
When a Thanksgiving
parade balloon popped.

Social Studies Focus
Thanksgiving

ELA Focus
Nonfiction features

Poetry Kit
**Halloween Pet
Parade**
Listen to the poem and
finish each rhyme.

Foundational Skills
Phonological awareness

PLUS
• A Silly Story
featuring mixed
short vowels

December
2025/
January 2026

Brr! Snowy Stories



Snowy Stories

Picture This!

Baby on Board

A polar-bear cub gets a ride on mom.

ELA Focus

Information from pictures and words

Science Focus

Polar habitat

Background Builder

One-Room Schoolhouse

Prepare children for the Big Read-Aloud.

ELA Focus

Background knowledge and vocabulary

Big Read Aloud

Schoolhouse Blizzard

A brave teacher rescues her students in a blizzard.

ELA Focus

Visualizing

Science Focus

Weather

Fiction

Disaster Squad: Blizzard Rescue

From the best-selling Disaster Squad series!

ELA Focus

Key events

Science Focus

Weather

Other Stories

Silly Story:

Fun Phonics

A Thing for a King

What thing does the king want before bed?

Foundational Skills

Phonics: final digraph -ng

Alike and Different

Minecraft Gems and Real Gems

Do you dig them?

ELA Focus

Comparing

Science Focus

Earth science

Past to Present

The True Story of Gingerbread

Learn the history of this tasty treat.

ELA Focus

Sequencing

Social Studies Focus

Changes over time

Mini Graphic: Sticky Situation

The Bean Bag Is Mine!

Ike always gets the bean bag chair.

Life and Social Skills

Conflict resolution

ELA Focus

Text-to-self connections

Poetry Kit

How to Drink a Slushy

Listen for words with the sl blend.

Foundational Skills

Phonological awareness

Coming later in 2025–2026:

Nonfiction	Fiction	Alike and Different
Sloth Rescue Discover a special place that takes care of baby sloths.	Adventure Squad: Into the Blizzard Exciting winter fiction for beginning readers!	Minecraft Llamas and Real Llamas Compare the video-game creature and the real animal.

...and so much more!