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Calendar Preview
2025-2026

September
2025

The Amazing Animal Tales Issue



Amazing Animal Tales

Big Read

Bobbie's Amazing Journey

Could a lost dog find his way home?

Science Focus

Animals

Skill Focus

Retelling

Fiction

The Sloth Princess

Read a fairy tale about a sloth princess who defeats an ogre!

Skill Focus

Fairy tales

Mini Read

Lemurs in the Library!

Read the true story of two escaped lemurs who ended up at a school.

Science Focus

Animals

Skill Focus

Key details

Other Stories

Past to Present
The History of Erasers

Social Studies Focus

Long ago and today

Skill Focus
Sequencing

Background Builder
What Is a Fairy Tale?

ELA Focus
Genres

Skill Focus
Background knowledge

Nonfiction Connection
Real Sloths

Science Focus
Animals

Skill Focus
Compare and contrast

Mini Graphic Novel
Pine School Pals: The Class Door

Social and Life Skills Focus
Working together

Skill Focus
Problem and Solution

Paired Texts
The Secrets of Slime

Science Focus
Animal adaptations

Skill Focus
Compare and contrast

Poetry Kit
Please Call On Me!

Skill Focus
Fluency

Debate
Are Class Pets a Good Idea?

Skill Focus
Opinion writing

October/
November 2025

The Thrills and Chills Issue



Thrilling and Chilling Stories

Big Read

Champ the Lake Monster

Is there an ancient beast living in an American lake?

Social Studies Focus

Culture

Skill Focus

Identifying key facts

Fiction

The Ghost in Glasses

When a ghost girl and a human girl live in the same house, it's anything but boo-ring!

Skill Focus

Understanding the who, what, and why of a fiction story

Paired Texts

The Myth of Arachne & Spiders Weave Silk

The mythical weaver has a lot in common with real spiders.

ELA Focus / Science Focus

Myths / Spiders

Skill Focus

Compare and contrast

Other Stories

Mini Read

When Bluey Went Kabluey

Social Studies Focus

Holidays

Skill Focus

Key details

Past to Present

The History of Hot Wheels

Social Studies Focus

Long ago and today

Skill Focus

Sequencing

Background Builder

What Is a Myth?

ELA Focus

Genres

Skill Focus

Background knowledge

Infographic

Squishmallows By the Numbers

Skill Focus

Use visuals

Mini Graphic Novel

Pine School Pals

Skill Focus

Problem and solution

Debate

Should Kids Get to Decide on Bedtime?

Skill Focus

Opinion writing

Poetry Kit

Emoji Man

Skill Focus

Fluency

December
2025/
January 2026

The Icy Issue



Icy Stories

Big Read

The Legend of the Christmas Tree Ship

In 1912, a ship carrying Christmas trees mysteriously disappeared. And then the legends began...

Social Studies Focus

American history

Skill Focus

Main idea

Fiction

Disaster Squad: Blizzard

In this installment of the bestselling Disaster Squad series, the Jackson family helps out in a very snowy emergency.

Skill Focus

Characters, setting, and key events

Debate

Would You Rather Have Ice Powers or Fire Powers?

Skill Focus

Opinion writing

Poetry Kit

Nine Mice

Skill Focus

Rhyming in a poem

Other Stories

Mini Read
Yeti Crab

Science Focus

Animal adaptations

Skill Focus
Key details

Background Builder
Ships Long Ago

Social Studies Focus

Ocean exploration

Skill Focus

Background knowledge

Past to Present

The History of Cats

Social Studies Focus

Long ago and today

Skill Focus

Sequencing

Mini Graphic Novel

Pine School Pals: TK

Social and Life Skills Focus

Sharing

Skill Focus

Problem and solution

Nonfiction

Connection
Q&A with Rekha Rajan

Skill Focus

Author studies

Paired Texts

Minecraft Gems and Real Gems

Science Focus

Properties of matter

Skill Focus

Compare and contrast