



# Calendar Preview 2025-2026

September  
2025

## Online Spotlight

### Videos

- ✓ Video Read-Aloud
- ✓ When Dinosaurs Roamed the Earth
- ✓ All About Elephants
- ✓ Hanging with Sloths
- ✓ What Is a Fairy Tale?
- ✓ Video Games Then and Now

### Story Collection

- ✓ Celebrating Friendships

## Featured Stories

### Big Read:

A Dog's Daring Journey

**Featured Skill:** Main Idea & Supporting Details

Could a lost dog 2,500 miles from home find his way back?

### Fiction:

The Popsicle-Stick Bridge

**Featured Skill:** How a Character Changes

Will Cassandra's class project be a total disaster?

**Paired Texts:** Giants of the Earth (Enormous Elephant/Big Blue Whale)

**Featured Skill:** Compare & Contrast

The biggest land animal vs. the biggest ocean animal

**Plays:** Happily Ever After (The Frog and the Prince / The Princess and the Ogre)

**Featured Skill:** Genre

A magical package featuring two fairy tales

## Other Stories

**Mini Read:** The Amazing Eraser

**Featured Skill:** Paragraph writing

The surprising history of an everyday item

**Time Machine:** A Day as a Dino King

**Featured Skill:** Knowledge Building

Travel back in time, millions of years ago, to the age of the dinosaurs!

**Debate:** Outdoor Play vs. Video Games

**Featured Skill:** Supporting an Opinion

Two students debate the pros and cons of playing outside vs. playing video games.

**Poetry:** First Day of School for *T. rex*

**Featured Skill:** Personification

A humorous poem about a *T. rex* starting a new school year

Oct/Nov  
2025

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### Videos

- ✓ Video Read-Aloud
- ✓ Record Rollercoasters
- ✓ Spooky Celebrations
- ✓ Grand Canyon in Depth
- ✓ Movies: Then and Now
- ✓ Making Macy's Parade Balloons

### Story Collection

- ✓ Mysteries, Legends, and Spooky Stories

## Featured Stories

### Big Read:

Monster Mystery

### Featured Skill:

Text Features

Is there an mysterious beast living in an American lake?

### Fiction:

The Ghost and the Ghost

### Featured Skill:

Plot

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

### Paired Texts:

The Tallest Roller Coaster vs. the Tallest Waterslide

### Featured Skill:

Compare and Contrast

Which would you rather ride?

### Play: Look Up!

**Featured Skill:**  
Coming soon!

The amazing true story of the genius behind the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

## Other Stories

**Mini Read:** The History of Pajamas

### Featured Skill:

Fact Finder

**Time Machine:** A Day in Grand Canyon National Park

### Featured Skill:

Knowledge Building

**Infographic:** Do You Like Feeling Scared?

### Featured Skill:

Knowledge Building

**Debate:** Is It Better To Watch Movies at Home or in a Theater?

### Featured Skill:

Supporting an Opinion

**Poetry:** Crash! Bang! Boom!

**Featured Skill:**  
Onomatopoeia

Dec 25/  
Jan 26

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### Videos

- ✓ Video Read-Aloud
- ✓ Who Were the Vikings?

### Story Collection

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## Featured Stories

### Big Read:

The Legend of the Christmas Tree Ship

### Featured Skill:

Cause and Effect

What caused a popular ship—and its captain—to vanish?

### Fiction:

Rescue in the Snow

### Featured Skill:

Plot

When disaster strikes, there's only one family to call.

### Paired Texts:

The Curious History of Cats/Famous Felines

### Featured Skill:

Synthesizing

How did cats go from scary creatures to one of our favorite pets?

**Play:** Thor vs. the King of the Giants

### Featured Skill:

Theme

Thor faces his greatest challenge yet.

## Other Stories

### Mini Read:

Climb Inside a Crystal Cave!

### Featured Skill:

Fact Finder

### Time Machine:

Coasting Down a Current

### Featured Skill:

Knowledge Building

### Fiction

**Pairing:** Meet the Author

### Featured Skill:

Knowledge Building

**Debate:** Should Kids Learn How to Cook?

### Featured Skill:

Supporting an Opinion

**Poetry:** My Emoji Adventure

### Featured Skill:

Rhyme

# Coming later in 2025–2026:

## Nonfiction

### **The Tornado That Changed the World**

The most destructive tornado in  
American history

## Paired Texts

### **Michael Jordan**

Learn the inspiring story behind one of  
the greatest basketball players of all  
time.

## Poem

### **Nine Mice**

by Jack Prelutsky

What happens when nine little mice  
ride their tricycles on the ice?

...and so much more!