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September 2025
Teacher's
Guide

Spark Joy With Storyworks 3



Dear Teachers,

We're thrilled to join you for another school year. We're kicking off the year with an action-packed lineup designed to spark curiosity and build key skills. Get ready for:

A thrilling Time

Machine on the mighty *T. rex* paired with a silly poem about a *T. rex*'s first day of school

Side-by-side text

pairings on two giant animals to teach compare and contrast

A magical fairy tale

package featuring two short plays to boost reading stamina

Don't forget to register online to access showstopping videos, essential skills pages, vocabulary slideshows, and so much more. I'm looking forward to a year of meaningful learning together.



Warmly,
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Unlock your resources
with access code:



Turn the page to see your online resources this month! →

September 2025 at a Glance

See all the amazing resources you'll find online!

All activities can now be shared and completed digitally!

Go to Storyworks 3 Digital at storyworks3.scholastic.com and register to access all your resources.

More Online Resources

Lesson Plan	Can't-Miss Teaching Extras	Text-to-Speech

Articles	Videos, Audio, Slideshows & Differentiation	Skill-Building Activities	Featured Skill			
MINI READ The Amazing Eraser Pages 2-3	Read-Aloud: with Meg Richardson	•Paragraph Writing	WRITING A SUMMARY CCSS: W.3.2		★	★
BIG READ A Dog's Daring Journey Pages 4-9	Video: "Video Read-Aloud" Read-Aloud: with Allison Friedman Slideshows: Background Builder; Vocabulary; Learning Journey Slide Deck Differentiation: 2-Page Starter Level; Easier Level	•Pause and Think •Vocabulary •Close Reading and Critical Thinking •Main Idea and Supporting Details •Thinking About the Text •Quiz •Lower-Level Quiz •Contest Entry Form	MAIN IDEA AND SUPPORTING DETAILS CCSS: RI.3.2	★	★	★
FICTION The Popsicle-Stick Bridge Pages 10-15	Read-Aloud: with Marlane Kennedy Slideshows: Vocabulary; Learning Journey Slide Deck	•Pause and Think •Vocabulary •Close Reading and Critical Thinking •How a Character Changes •Thinking About the Story •Quiz •Lower-Level Quiz	HOW A CHARACTER CHANGES CCSS: RL.3.3	★	★	★
PAIRED TEXTS Giants of the Earth (Enormous Elephant/Big Blue Whale) Pages 16-19	Video: "All About Elephants" Read-Aloud: with Alex Winnick Slideshow: Vocabulary Differentiation: Easier Level	•Vocabulary •Close Reading and Critical Thinking •Compare and Contrast •Thinking About the Paired Texts •Quiz •Lower-Level Quiz	COMPARE AND CONTRAST CCSS: RI.3.9	★	★	★
TIME MACHINE A Day as a Dino King Pages 20-22	Video: "When Dinosaurs Roamed the Earth" Read-Aloud: with Jess McKenna-Ratjen Slideshow: "5 Things to Know About T. rex" Differentiation: Easier Level	•Thinking About the Time Machine •"Where Should We Go Next?" (includes submission form) •Choice Board	KNOWLEDGE BUILDING CCSS: RI.3.1	★	★	★
PLAYS Happily Ever After (The Frog Prince/The Sloths and the Ogre) Pages 23-29	Videos: "Hanging With Sloths"; "What Is a Fairy Tale?" Read-Aloud: with Meg Richardson and Molly Bradley Slideshow: Vocabulary	•Vocabulary •Close Reading and Critical Thinking •Genre •Thinking About the Play •Quiz	GENRE CCSS: RL.3.10	★	★	★
DEBATE Outdoor Play vs. Video Games Pages 30-31	Video: "Video Games Then and Now" Read-Aloud: with Alessandra Potenza	•Opinion-Writing Kit •Quiz	SUPPORTING AN ARGUMENT CCSS: W.3.1	★	★	★
POETRY First Day of School for T. rex Page 32	Read-Aloud: with Eric Ode	•Close Reading and Critical Thinking •Figurative Language: Personification •Thinking About the Poem	FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE CCSS: RL.3.4	★	★	★

FIND PRINTABLE LESSONS ONLINE!

What to Love at Storyworks 3 Online

"Video Games Then and Now"

After reading our Debate, build background knowledge on how gaming has changed over time in this fun and informative video.



"Celebrating Friendship" Collection

These heartwarming stories explore what it means to be a good friend and will build your classroom community from day one!



Audio Read-Aloud With Editor Alex Winnick

Get a behind-the-scenes look at Alex's writing process before he reads this issue's Paired Texts.



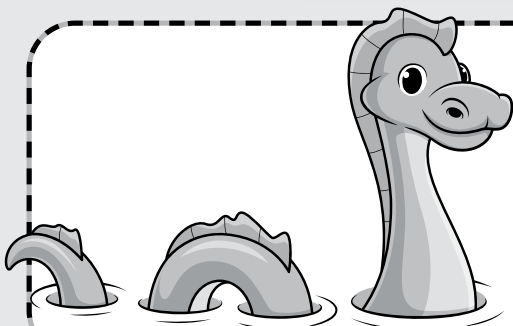
FICTION
The Name Jar
Almost everything in her life had changed. Should she change her name too?



PARAGRAPH POWER
Friends Forever
These BFFs, age 10, play volleyball together. They're in Girl Scouts together. And for a time, they were bald together.



INFOGRAPHIC
How to Make a New Friend
Back to school is a great time to find new friends. Here are some tips to get you started!



COMING NEXT MONTH

- A mysterious **Big Read** on a legendary creature in Lake Champlain
- Action-packed **Paired Texts** comparing the biggest waterslide and roller coaster
- A spooky **Fiction** about the unlikely friendship between a ghost and a girl