



Additional Readings

UNIT 1

By the Authors and Illustrators

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Tafari, Nancy. *Silly Little Goose*. Scholastic, 2003. A goose tries many different places to build her nest but decides an old straw hat is most comfortable.

ON LEVEL

Carle, Eric. *A House for Hermit Crab*. Aladdin, 2005. A little hermit crab outgrows its house and must find a new one in this story about the rewards and difficulties of growing up.

BEYOND

Related to the Theme

The following theme related books are for sharing with your class. Some are also appropriate for independent, leveled reading. Enlist the help of your school librarian to teach students how to use library resources.

Beaumont, Karen. *I Like Myself*. Harcourt, 2004. Written in rhyme; a young girl tells of all of the reasons she likes herself, even though she realizes she is not perfect.

APPROACHING

Cauley, Lorinda Bryan. *Clap Your Hands*. Putnam, 1992. The rhyming text instructs the listener to roar like a lion, spin in a circle, and perform other activities with some human and animal friends.

APPROACHING

Brown, Margaret Wise. *Another Important Book*. HarperCollins, 1999. A brief description of the important thing about growing into each age, from one to six, right up to the importance of just being “you”.

ON LEVEL

Shannon, George. *Frog Legs*. Greenwillow, 2000. A lively, colorful picture book with 24 poems about movement of all kinds.

ON LEVEL

Zolotow, Charlotte. *Do You Know What I'll Do?* HarperCollins, 2000. A young girl tells her brother all of the things she will do for him when he grows up.

BEYOND

Kroll, Virginia. *Boy, You're Amazing*. Albert Whitman, 2004. A tribute to all of the things a young boy can do; written in lively rhyme.

BEYOND

<p>Swinburne, Stephen. <i>Guess Whose Shadow?</i> Boyds Mills, 1999. The pictures are active and fun to look at as children discover that everything has a shadow and that shadows come in all shapes and sizes.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Garland, Michael. <i>Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook</i>, Dutton Juvenile, 2003. When Miss Smith reads from her incredible book, the stories literally spring to life.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Morris, Anne. <i>Play</i>. HarperCollins, 1997. A photographic look at how kids play around the world. Simple and rich photographs will engage beginning readers.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Dunbar, Joyce. <i>Tell Me What It's Like to Be Big</i>. Harcourt, 2001. Willa, a young rabbit, eagerly asks her brother rabbit what it's like to be a grown-up.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Bennett, Kelly. <i>Not Norman</i>. Candlewick Press, 2005. Just when a young boy thinks he wants a different kind of pet, he discovers that his goldfish has some very good qualities after all.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Appelt, Kathi. <i>Incredible Me</i>. HarperCollins, 2003. A young girl happily pays tribute to all of the qualities that make her special.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Child, Lauren. <i>I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato</i>. Candlewick, 2000. Lola is a very pick eater. However when her older brother imaginatively renames all of the items on the dinner menu, she reconsiders.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Hopkins, Lee Bennett. <i>A Pet for Me</i>. HarperCollins, 2003. An I-Can-Read-Book with 20 fun poems about different kinds of pets.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Curtis, Jamie Lee. <i>I'm Gonna Like Me</i>. Joanna Cotler Books, 2002. A young girl learns to like herself every day, whether things are going right or wrong.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Walton, Rick. <i>How Can You Dance?</i> Putnam, 2001. An amusing and lively four-line verse on each page explores all the different ways to dance.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Rotner, Shelly. <i>Pick a Pet</i>. Orchard, 1999. A young girl tries to decide what kind of pet she wants; written as a colorful photo-essay.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Rotner, Shelly. <i>What Can You Do?</i> Millbrook Press, 2001. Things a child can do well, and some things that are more of a challenge; all discussed in an appealing photo-essay.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>



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Sweeney, Joan. *Me and My Family Tree*. Crown, 1999. A child explains how each of the members of her family is related to her, using a family tree.

ON LEVEL

Brown, Margaret Wise. Illustrated by David Diaz. *The Little Scarecrow Boy*. Joanna Cotler, 1998. A tale about a scarecrow who cannot go to the fields with his father but must stay at home.

ON LEVEL

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Arnosky, Jim. *A Manatee Morning*. Simon and Schuster, 2000. A manatee mother and her baby swim past other animals in the river; told in simple, rhyming text.

APPROACHING

Anholt, Catherine, and Anholt, Laurence. *Big Book of Families*. Candlewick, 1998. All different families are celebrated in verse.

APPROACHING

Dotlitch, Rebecca Kai. *A Family Like Yours*. Boyds Mills Press, 2002. Simple verses describe different kinds of families; some showing animal families and some with people.

ON LEVEL

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees*. Simon & Schuster, 1997. Henry, his dog, and his family attend a family reunion.

ON LEVEL

Simon, Seymour. *Baby Animals*. SeaStar Books, 2002. Simple text for beginning readers and colorful photographs present information on different baby animals.

BEYOND

Crum, Shutta. *The House in the Meadow*. Albert Whitman & Co., 2003. Inspired by the traditional counting poem, this version is about a young couple and the people who they employed to build a new house.

BEYOND

<p>Flanagan, Alice K. <i>Mr. Paul and Mr. Luecke Build Communities</i>. Children's Press, 1999. An introduction to what a real estate developer and a carpenter do to plan and build new houses in a community.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>McKy, Katie, illustrated by Pablo Bernasconi. <i>Pumpkin Town! Or, Nothing is Better and Worse than Pumpkins</i>. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. After accidentally spreading pumpkin seeds all over towns, five brothers feel responsible when pumpkins begin to take over.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Miranda, Anne. <i>To Market, To Market</i>. Harcourt, 1997. An elderly woman makes a series of unfortunate purchases in the form of different animals and suffers a series of mishaps.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Zimmerman, Andrea. <i>Trashy Town</i>. HarperCollins, 1999. A lively, appealing story about how a trash collector does his job all over town.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Barton, Byron. <i>Building a House</i>. Mulberry Books, 1981. Simple text and engaging illustrations introduce the process of building a house.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Jan-Clough, Lisa. <i>Alicia's Best Friends</i>. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Alicia's four friends want her to choose which one of them is really her best friend.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Tarsky, Sue. <i>The Busy Building Book</i>. Putnam, 1998. The building of a skyscraper is described; combined with appealing collage art.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Weisner, David. <i>The Three Pigs</i>. Clarion, 2001. An inventive and beautifully illustrated retelling of the classic tale. Full of sly humor that children will enjoy.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Ancona, George. <i>Barrio: Jose's Neighborhood</i>. Harcourt, 1998. A photo essay about 8 year old Jose and his life in the Latino Barrio in San Francisco.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Seltzer, Milton. <i>Here Comes the Recycle Truck</i>. Albert Whitman, 1992. Elisa drives the recycling truck, picking up objects to bring them to the recycling center.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Gibbons, Gail. <i>How a House Is Built</i>. Holiday House, 1990. Starting with the frame of the house, the step-by-step process of building a house.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Juster, Norton. <i>The Hello, Goodbye Window</i>. Hyperion, 2005. The kitchen window at Nanna and Poppy's house is, for one little girl, a magic gateway. Everything important happens near it, through it, or beyond it.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>



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Yee, Wong Herbert. *Mrs. Brown Went to Town*. Houghton, 1996. While Mrs. Brown is away, her animals vote to move into her house and cause nonstop mayhem.

ON LEVEL

Marcuse, Aida. *Pecos Bill*. Rayo, 1995. Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill are retold, from his childhood to his unusual wedding day.

ON LEVEL

Related to the Theme

The following theme-related books are for sharing with your class. Some are also appropriate for independent, leveled reading. Enlist the help of your school librarian to teach students how to use library resources.

Egan, Tim. *Serious Farm*. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. The animals on Farmer Fred's farm devise different plans to make their life on the farm more fun.

APPROACHING

Clemant, Rod. *Just Another Ordinary Day*. HarperCollins, 1997. Fanciful drawings illustrate Amanda's "ordinary day" at school, showing her science teacher as a giant insect, a classmate as an extraterrestrial, and more. The plain text shows great contrast with the fantastic drawings.

APPROACHING

Prelutsky, Jack, selected by. *For Laughing Out Louder: More Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone*. A collection of humorous poems by well-known authors.

ON LEVEL

Frazee, Marla. *Roller Coaster*. Harcourt, 2003. The excitement of going on a roller coaster is captured using many descriptive sounds.

ON LEVEL

Stevenson, James. *No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling*. Frances Foster, 2004. Mr. Frumdimpney is a crocodile who never laughs and makes all of the rules for reading this book, which result in a humorous telling.

BEYOND

Rovetch, Lissa. *Ook the Book and Other Silly Rhymes*. Chronicle Books, 2001. The 12 humorous rhymes and silly illustrations are fun to read and listen to.

BEYOND

<p>Fleming, Candace, illustrated by G. Brian Karas. <i>Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!</i> Mr. McGreeley wants to enjoy the vegetables in his garden. But three funny bunnies have a different idea.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Garland, Michael. <i>Circus Girl</i>. Dutton, 1993. Alice and her family work in a circus and keep busy as it moves from town to town.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Numeroff, Laura J. <i>If You Give a Pig a Party</i>. Laura Gerring, 2005. If you give a pig a party she'll ask for some balloons. And if you give her some balloons, she'll want to decorate the house. All kinds of fun will follow if you give a pig a party.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Mickelthwait, Lucy. <i>I Spy Shapes in Art</i>. Greenwillow, 2004. Children search for shapes in art. Simple, repetitive text and the rich reproductions make this an excellent introduction to the visual arts.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Hobbie, Holly. <i>Toot and Puddle: You are My Sunshine</i>. Little, Brown & Co. 1999. Toot is moping but his friend Puddle is doing everything to cheer him up.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Feldman, Eve B. <i>Birthdays! Celebrating Life Around the World</i>. BridgeWater Books, 1996. Simple text and illustrations by children around the globe show how each celebrates her or his birthday.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Dunbar, Polly. <i>Flyaway Katie</i>. Candlewick Press, 2004. Katie cheers herself up by dressing up in some bright clothing and painting more colors on herself.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Shannon, David. <i>Alice the Fairy</i>. Scholastic, 2004. Alice loves to pretend she is a fairy with magical powers.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Ancona, George. <i>Let's Dance! Morrow Jr. Books, 1998</i>. A simple and colorful photo-essay about various forms of dance.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Futterer, Kurt. <i>Emile</i>. McAdam/Cage, 2004. A white cat named Emile leaves home in search of beautiful colors.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Dodds, Dayle Ann. <i>Henry's Amazing Machine</i>. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. When the machine Henry is building keeps getting bigger and bigger, he is faced with the question of what it will do.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Montanari, Donata. <i>Children Around the World</i>. Kids Can Press, 2001. Children from many different countries are featured, describing how they live and play.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>



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Rimes, Le Anne; illustrated by Richard Bernal. *Jag*. Puffin, 2005. A young jaguar who is anxious on her first day of school learns to meet her fears.

ON LEVEL

Cohen, Miriam. *My Big Brother*. Star Bright Books, 2005. A small boy's beloved older brother joins the army. The younger brother misses him greatly and tries to fill his shoes.

ON LEVEL

Related to the Theme (spans 3+ grade levels)

Use these and other classroom or library resources to ensure students are reading at least 20 minutes a day outside of class. Enlist the help of your school librarian to teach students how to use library resources, such as card catalogs and electronic search engines, to find other books related to the unit theme.

Narahashi, Keiko. *Two Girls Can!* Margaret McElderry, 2000. Two good friends can do many things together and have a good time.

APPROACHING

Baker, Keith. *More Mr. and Mrs. Green*. Harcourt, 2004. Whether its fishing, painting, or going to the park, Mr, and Mrs. Green help each other and enjoy doing many things together.

APPROACHING

Gerstein, Mordecai. *Daisy's Garden*. Hyperion, 1995. A young girl is eager to share her garden with all of the animals who have helped her nurture it.

ON LEVEL

Shields, Carol Diggory. *Lucky Pennies and Chocolate*. Dutton Children's Books, 2000. Grandfather tells about the things he likes to do when his grandson comes to visit.

ON LEVEL

Finch, Mary, reteller. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Barefoot Books, 2001. The traditional tale of the three billy goats who trick the troll living under the bridge.

BEYOND

Burton, Virginia Lee. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*. Houghton Mifflin, 1943. When Mike Mulligan can no longer find work for his steam shovel, Mary Anne, they dig a cellar for the town hall in just one day. The Caldecott-winning illustrator uses black-line details with splashes of color.

BEYOND

<p>Cooper, Floyd. <i>Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan</i>. Philomel, 2004. This is a picture book biography that gives details of Jordan's childhood and adolescence that helped him become a basketball legend.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Lobel, Arnold. <i>Owl at Home</i>. HarperCollins, 1982. Owl lives alone, but when he goes out for a walk, he makes a friend that follows him all the way home.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Lobel, Arnold. <i>Mouse Tales</i>. HarperCollins. A mouse father tells his children seven humorous stories.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Dahl, Michael. <i>One Big Building: A Counting Book About Construction</i>. Picture Window Books, 2004. This counting book goes from 1 to 12 stories high, describing the supplies and people needed to construct a building.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Ziefert, Harriet. <i>The Turnip</i>. Penguin Books, 1996. One of an old man's turnips grows to be such a large size that he needs the help of everyone to pull it out of the ground.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Hennessey, B. D. <i>Road Builders</i>. Viking, 1994. All kinds of trucks and people on the construction site work to build a road.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Robinson, Fay. <i>Recycle That!</i> Childrens Press, 1995. In an easy-to-read format, this book describes what happens to certain items that we throw away.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Herman, Gail. <i>The Lion and the Mouse</i>. Random House, 1998. The well-known fable of how the lion and the mouse become friends because they help each other when in trouble.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Simmons, Jane. <i>Ebb and Flo and the Baby Seal</i>. McElderry, 2002. It's up to Ebb to help a lost baby seal find her mother.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p><i>Our Community Garden</i>. Beyond Words Publishing, 2004. Audrey and her friends, of different ethnic backgrounds, play and work in the garden that they all had a hand in creating.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Woods, Andrew. <i>Young Orville and Wilbur Wright</i>. Troll Associates, 1992. A brief, simple biography of the two brothers who invented the first motor-powered plane.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Wallace, Karen, and Collins, Ross. <i>It Takes Two</i>. Franklin Watts, 1997. How animals work in pairs, sharing work and helping each other.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>



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Henkes, Kevin. *A Good Day. Greenwillow, 2007.* The day starts out badly for four animals. But then something happens to each of them and it turns into a good day for all.

APPROACHING

Hesse, Nina. illustrated by Jon Kanzler. *Whose Feet?* Random House, 2004. Mole claws scrape out a new home. A duck uses her webbed feet to flip underwater and search for a snack. Orangutan feet grab on tight as they swing from vine to vine. Who knew that feet could be so special and perform such extraordinary feats!

ON LEVEL

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Asch, Frank. *The Sun is My Favorite Star.* Harcourt, 2000. A young child tells all the reasons to love the sun; written in simple sentences.

APPROACHING

Godwin, Sam. *From Little Acorns: A First Look at the Life Cycle of a Tree.* Picture Window Books, 2001. Simple text describes the growth of a tree, and cartoon blurbs express the responses of the squirrels.

APPROACHING

Karas, G. Brian. *On Earth.* A simple poetic text describes the earth's daily and yearly cycles. The paintings show the day and night, the passing seasons, the planets, the sun and the sky.

ON LEVEL

Krensky, Stephen. *Ben Franklin and His First Kite.* Aladdin, 1002. An independent reader about how Ben Franklin, at age ten, experimented with kites.

ON LEVEL

Cobb, Vickie. *I See Myself.* HarperCollins, 2002. How light and reflection work is explained in simple terms.

BEYOND

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of Thomas Alva Edison.* Holiday House, 2006. A well-illustrated biography of the man who had a curious mind and invented the phonograph, the camera, the light bulb, and other items.

BEYOND

<p>Hall, Zoe. <i>The Apple Pie Tree</i>. Scholastic, 1996. Two sisters watch an apple tree growing in the back yard and describe the changes.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Tarlow, Ellen. <i>Pinwheel Days</i>. Star Bright Books, 2007. Four easy to read stories about Pinwheel the donkey and his friends.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Hewett, Joan. <i>A Penguin Chick Grows Up</i>. Carolrhoda, 2004. Simple text and photos introduce the reader to a charming newborn penguin.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Asch, Frank. <i>Like a Windy Day</i>. Harcourt, 2002. A young girl wants to experience all of the things the wind can do; written in simple sentences.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Gerver, Jane E. <i>Grow a Pumpkin Pie!</i> Scholastic, 2000. Simple sentences describe how a pumpkin grows; beginning with the seed.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Swinburne, Stephen. <i>Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes</i>. Boyds Mills Press, 2002. A beautiful photo-essay and introduction to pattern recognition using animals.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Schaefer, Lola. <i>This is the Rain</i>. Greenwillow, 2001. Written in cumulative text, this is a description of how clouds form water, which then falls as rain.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Murphy, Patricia M. <i>Peeking at Plants with a Scientist</i>. Enslow, 2004. Scientist Peter Raven helps to answer a question about plants on each page.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Rosen, Michael. <i>Three Feet Small</i>. Gulliver, 2005. A young bear who is frustrated by how small he is soon becomes aware that he has been growing gradually all along.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Alarcon, Francisco X. <i>Laughing Tomatoes: And Other Spring Poems</i>. Children's Book Press, 2005. This bilingual collection of poems celebrates nature and family. Colorful illustrations feature a lively cast of characters both human and animal.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. <i>Snowflake Bentley</i>. Houghton Mifflin, 1988. An attractively illustrated picture book biography of the man who studied and photographed snowflakes.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Powell, Jillian. <i>From Chick to Chicken</i>. Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 2001. A description of how a little chick grows from the time the mother hen lays the egg using wonderful photographs.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>

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UNIT 6

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MINUTES
DAILY

By the Authors and Illustrators

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Falconer, Ian. *Olivia Saves the Circus*. Atheneum, 2001. Olivia tells the tale of how she saved the circus by filling in for the clowns, jugglers, and lion tamers when they were all out sick.

ON LEVEL

Keats, Ezra Jack. *Goggles*. Puffin, 1998. Peter finds a pair of goggles, and everyone wants them.

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Emmet, Jonathan. *Ruby in Her Own Time*. Scholastic, 2003. Ruby doesn't develop as quickly as the other ducklings, but one day she surprises them all.

APPROACHING

Keats, Ezra Jack. *The Snowy Day*. Puffin, 1976. The classic tale of a small boy who wakes up one morning to discover his neighborhood has been transformed by snow.

APPROACHING

Colon, Raul. *Orson Blasts Off!* Atheneum, 2004. A young boy has an outer space adventure with a toy companion in this imaginative story.

ON LEVEL

Jeffers, Oliver. *Lost and Found*. Philomel, 2006. A boy finds a penguin on his doorstep. The two new friends set out for Antarctica so the penguin can go home.

ON LEVEL

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. *Apples, Apples, Apples*. Winslow Press, 2000. The rabbit family visits an apple orchard where they enjoy picking apples and learning about them.

BEYOND

Keller, Holly. *Pearl's New Skates*. Greenwillow, 2005. Pearl expects ice-skating to be easy with her new skates, but she is in for a big surprise.

BEYOND

<p>Walsh, Ellen Stoll. <i>Hamsters to the Rescue</i>. Harcourt, 2005. Two hamsters find a feather and need to return it to the seagull that lost it. Nothing they encounter along the way will stop them. Not giant sand dunes. Not cranky crabs. Not even the big scary seagull himself!</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Walsh, Ellen Stoll. <i>Hop Jump</i>. Harcourt, 1993. Betsy, the frog, is tired of hopping and jumping and starts to imitate the swirling, turning, and twisting of leaves that she calls dancing. It's not long before her frog friends join in.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Kopelke, Lisa. <i>Excuse Me!</i> Simon & Schuster, 2003. Frog has been burping since he was a tadpole. But as he grows up he finds his burps are no longer as welcome as they used to be.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>McCarty, Peter. <i>Little Bunny on the Move</i>. Henry Holt, 1999. A little bunny is on the move -- traveling, traveling. Where is he going? The captivating black and white illustrations and simple poetic text will engage beginning readers.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. <i>Dog and Bear</i>. Roaring Book Press, 2007. Three simple stories tell the adventures of two animal friends.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Starr, Meg. <i>Alicia's Happy Day</i>. Star Bright Books, 2002. As Alicia walks through the neighborhood, the shopkeepers, cab drivers, and even the pigeons and the traffic lights, help to make her birthday perfect.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Dodds, Dayle Ann. <i>Minnie's Diner</i>. Candlewick, 2004. Five boys, involved in their chores, run to eat when they smell the good cooking coming from Minnie's Diner.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Hazen, Lynn E. <i>Buzz Bumblebee to the Rescue</i>. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2005. Buzz Bumblebee discovers that he has protective instincts toward Baby Bumble, when the baby bee gets into trouble.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Willems, Mo. <i>Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale</i>. Hyperion, 2004. When Trixie leaves her favorite stuffed bunny at the laundromat, humor and adventure follow.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Banks, Kate. <i>The Night Worker</i>. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. Alex wishes from the night he can wear a hard hat and work with his father on his night job.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Swope, Sam. <i>Gotta Go! Gotta Go!</i> Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000. When a tiny bug emerges from an egg, she knows she has to get to Mexico when she changed to a butterfly.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Di Camillo, Kate. <i>Mercy Watson Goes for A Ride</i>. Candlewick, 2006. Mercy Watson, a pig, goes on an adventure filled drive in a pink convertible.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>