

Book Lists

EXPLORATIONS

2017-18

Week	Dates	Theme	K4-Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	Writing
1	8/14 & 8/15	I'm an Author & Illustrator	<i>Rocket Writes a Story</i> by Tad Hills	<i>The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore</i> by William Joyce	<i>Max's Words</i> by Kate Banks	<i>The Right Word: Roget & His Thesaurus</i> by Jen Bryant	Narrative Writing
2	8/21 & 8/22						
3	8/28 & 8/29	Water Adventures	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker	<i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	<i>The Raft</i> by Jim LaMarche	
4	9/4 & 9/5	Labor Day No Monday or Tuesday Classes					
5	9/11 & 9/12	Water Adventures	<i>Journey</i> by Aaron Becker	<i>Flotsam</i> by David Wiesner	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	<i>The Raft</i> by Jim LaMarche	Narrative Writing
6	9/18 & 9/19	Biography	<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps</i> by Jeanette Winter	<i>Sandy's Circus</i> by Tanya Lee Stone	<i>Camille and the Sunflowers</i> by Laurence Anholt	<i>Manfish</i> by Jennifer Berne	
7	9/25 & 9/26						
8	10/2 & 10/3	Explorations Presents					
	10/9-10/13	Fall Extension Week					
9	10/16 & 10/17	How To...	<i>Miss Maple's Seeds</i> by Eliza Wheeler	<i>How to Make an Apple Pie & See the World</i> by Marjorie Priceman	<i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beaty	<i>Boxes for Katje</i> by Candace Fleming	Informative/ Explanatory Writing
10	10/23 & 10/24						
11	10/30 & 10/31	GPS Please!	<i>All the World</i> by Liz Garton Scanlon	<i>The Scrambled States of America</i> by Laurie Keller	<i>Children's Activity Atlas</i> by Jenny Slater	<i>The 50 States: Explore the USA</i> by Gabrielle Balkan	
12	11/6 & 11/7						
13	11/13 & 11/14	Holiday	<i>Sharing the Bread</i> by Pat Zietlow Miller	<i>Thank You, Sarah</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	<i>Three Young Pilgrims</i> by Cheryl Harness	<i>Squanto & the Miracle of Thanksgiving</i> by Eric Metaxas	
14	11/20 & 11/21						
15	11/27 & 11/28						
16	12/4 & 12/5	Explorations Presents					

Week	Dates	Theme	K4-Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	Writing
17	1/8 & 1/9	Tall Tales	<i>Apples to Oregon</i> by Deborah Hopkinson	<i>Finn McCool and the Great Fish</i> by Eva Bunting	<i>Paul Bunyan</i> by Steven Kellogg	<i>John Henry</i> by Julius Lester	Descriptive Writing
18	1/15 & 1/16						
19	1/22 & 1/23	Our America	<i>A Fine Dessert</i> by Emily Jenkins	<i>America the Beautiful</i> by Katharine Lee Bates	<i>Matchbox Diary</i> by Paul Fleischman	<i>Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library</i> by Barb Rosenstock	
20	1/29 & 1/30						
21	2/5 & 2/6	Black History	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands</i> Illustrated by Kadir Nelson	<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i> by Ellen Levine	<i>Follow the Drinking Gourd</i> by Jeanette Winter	<i>Testing the Ice</i> by Sharon Robinson	
22	2/12 & 2/13						
23	2/19 & 2/20	Just for Fun	<i>Lion and the Mouse</i> by Jerry Pinkney	<i>Papa Piccolo</i> by Carol Talley	<i>Roxaboxen</i> by Alice McLerran	<i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i> Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney	Opinion Writing
24	2/26 & 2/27						
25	3/5 & 3/6	Easter	<i>Tale of Three Trees</i> by Angela Elwell Hunt	<i>The Story of the Easter Robin</i> by Dandi Daley Mackall	<i>Rechenka's Eggs</i> by Patricia Polacco	<i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i> by Patricia Polacco	
26	3/12 & 3/13	Explorations Presents					
	3/19- 3/23	Spring Extension Week					
27	3/26 & 3/27	Animals	<i>Flight School</i> by Lita Judge	<i>Circus Ship</i> by Chris Van Dusen	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> Illustrated by Charles Santore	<i>Song of the Water Boatman</i> by Joyce Sidman	Poetry
28	4/2 & 4/3						
29	4/9 & 4/10	Poetry	<i>Cock-a-Doodle-Do!</i> <i>Barnyard Hullabaloo</i> by Giles Andreae	<i>Out and About</i> by Shirley Hughes	<i>Carnival of Animals</i> by Jack Prelutsky	<i>Poem-Mobiles</i> by J. Patrick Lewis	
30	4/16 & 4/17						
31	4/23 & 4/24	Explorations Presents					
	4/30-5/4	Extension Week Parent Supplement NWEA Testing Parents select days for students to complete NWEA testing as required by CCS					
	5/7-5/11	Extension Week Parent Supplement NWEA Testing					
	5/14-5/18	Extension Week Parent Supplement NWEA Testing Last Day of Second Semester – 5/18/18					

Explorations books can be reused from past years, purchased new or used, borrowed from past Explorations families, or checked out from the library! Books are also available for purchase through [Circle's Amazon Store](#).