



Reading Rockets

Reading Adventure Packs Kindergarten



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Reading Adventure Packs

Dear Families,

Exploring new ideas and enjoying books with you sends a powerful message to your child: Reading and learning are fun, and happen everywhere – not just at school. These Reading Rockets Adventure Packs were created to help you and your child enjoy reading and learning together.

Reading Rockets carefully chose books that are widely available and appealing to young readers. If the two featured titles are not available, or you prefer another title, feel free to substitute books related to the theme. You'll find a list of alternative titles included in the bookmark.

Start your learning adventure by reading some books with your child about the popular topic. Then explore the topic with three activities.

We hope you'll enjoy reading and learning together!

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The bookmark lists both the featured titles and additional titles.



The imagination activity encourages imaginative play, writing or drawing.



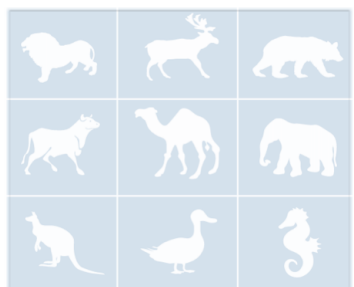
The creative activity is a hands-on craft project.



The get real activity focuses on real-world experiences for parent and child.

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Animals Adventure Pack

Blueberries for Sal, by Robert McCloskey, is a classic children's story about a human child and her mother and a bear child and his mother looking for berries. *A Bed for the Winter*, by Karen Wallace, is a DK Reader that explores homes different animals find for winter.

Hanning, E. (2009). *Animals Adventure Pack*.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-animals>

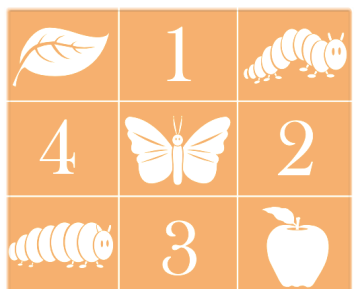


Farms Adventure Pack

The Ox-Cart Man, by Donald Hall and illustrated by Barbara Cooney, is the story of a self-sufficient farm of years past that takes readers through the rhythms of traditional life on a family farm. *Farming*, by Gail Gibbons, explores farms, general farming practices, and the role the seasons and weather.

Walker, R. (2010). *Farms Adventure Pack*.

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The Very Hungry Caterpillar Adventure Pack

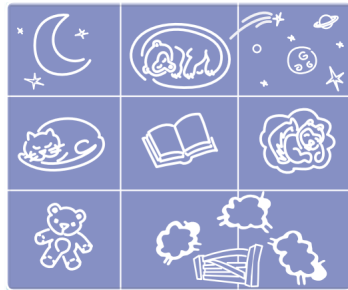
The list of suggested books includes nonfiction titles about caterpillars and butterflies and fiction books that emphasize concepts such as counting, days of the week, or how things happen in sequence. When assembling your Very Hungry Caterpillar Adventure Pack to send home, simply include a copy of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle.

Hanning, E. and Chambers, C. (2009). *What Happens Next: The Very Hungry Caterpillar Adventure Pack*.

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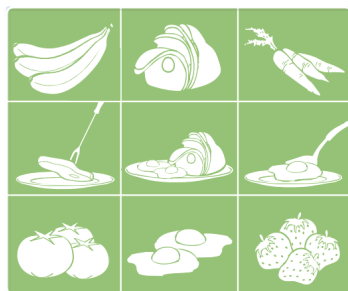


Sleep Adventure Pack

In *Time to Sleep*, by Denise Fleming, Bear and his animal friends help each other get ready for winter and hibernation. In the nonfiction book *Animals Don't Wear Pajamas*, Eve Feldman introduces children to the way that 16 different animals get ready to sleep.

Reading Rockets (2010). *Sleep Adventure Pack*.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-sleep>



Green Eggs and Ham Adventure Pack

In the Dr. Seuss classic *Green Eggs and Ham*, Sam-I-Am is ever so persistent in trying to convince you that green eggs and ham really are delicious! In the nonfiction book *Me and My Senses*, Joan Sweeney introduces children to the five senses and how they work independently and together.

Walker, R. (2010). *Green Eggs and Ham Adventure Pack*.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-green-eggs-and-ham>



Food Adventure Pack

Stone Soup, by Jon Muth or Marcia Brown, describes how a group of travelers gets villagers to contribute ingredients to make a delicious soup. In *Where Does Food Come From?* Shelley Rotner and Gary Gossuses use photographs and simple text to explore how lemonade, french fries, bread, peanut butter and other foods are made.

Hanning, E. (2009). *Food Adventure Pack*.

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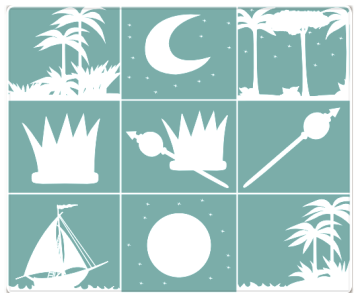
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The Snowy Day Adventure Pack

The Snowy Day, written and illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats, tells the story of a young boy who wakes up to discover that a beautiful blanket of snow has fallen during the night. *Snow Is Falling*, written by Franklyn Branley and illustrated by Holly Keller, explores how snow can help plants, animals, and people to survive a harsh winter and thrive in the spring.

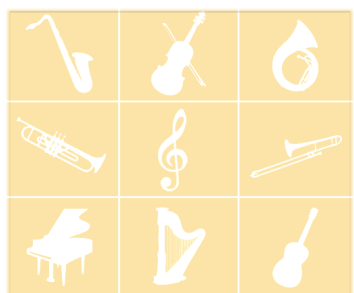
Reading Rockets (2010). *The Snowy Day Adventure Pack*.
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-snowy-day>



Where the Wild Things Are Adventure Pack

In *Where the Wild Things Are*, by Maurice Sendak, Max's imaginative adventure begins the night he wore his wolf suit, making mischief and being downright rude. When he was sent to his room to cool off, he travels to the land of the Wild Things where he is crowned king only returning when he's ready to be loved again. The list includes both nonfiction titles about night and fiction books that emphasize concepts such as dealing with feelings and using your imagination.

Walker, R. (2009). *Where the Wild Things Are Adventure Pack*.
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-where-wild-things-are>



Music Adventure Pack

In *Mama Don't Allow*, by Thatcher Hurd, Miles forms a Swamp Band with his friends and they almost become dinner when they play for the Alligator Ball. *A Day in the Life of a Musician*, by Linda Hayward, is a DK Reader that follows a violinist through her day. Photos show her playing her violin in several different situations.

Hanning, E. (2009). *Music Adventure Pack*.
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-adventure-pack-music>

Aventuras con la Lectura

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Música



Granjas



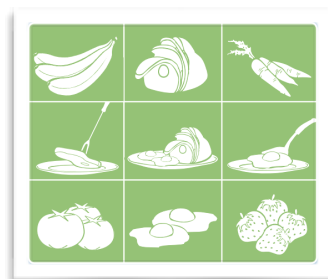
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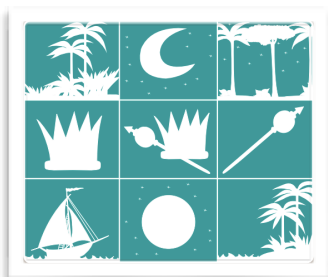
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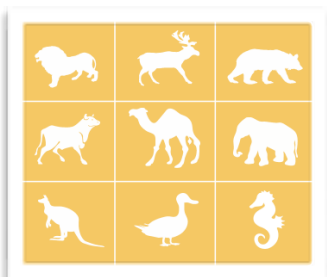
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La oruga muy hambrienta



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Donde viven los monstruos



Animales



El sueño

Additional Resources

These videos and articles provide you with more information about how to support your child as they practice foundational reading skills at home.

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Article: [PEER: Talking While you Read](#)
Video: [Bear Says Thanks](#)
Video: [Llama Llama and the Bully Goat](#)
REL: Southeast (2020)



Article: [Challenging and Important Words](#)
Video: [I Want to be a Vet](#)
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Article in English: [Tips for Reading Aloud](#)
Artículo en español: [Consejos para padres de niños](#)
Reading Rockets (2008)



Article: [How to Read Aloud Nonfiction](#)
Video: [Reading Aloud Nonfiction](#)
Reading Rockets (2011)



Article in English: [How to Read an e-Book](#)
Artículo en español: [Cómo leer un libro electrónico con su hijo](#)
Reading Rockets (2013)

Reading Rockets (2020, June 10). Reading Rockets: <https://www.readingrockets.org/>.

Regional Educational Laboratory Southeast at Florida State University (2020, June 10). Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/southeast/foundations/index.asp>.