

Planning Calendar
September 2011–December 2011

| FEATURE: | CELEBRITY SCOOP | DEBATE | READERS THEATER PLAY | TRUE TEEN SPOTLIGHT | CURRENT EVENTS AND FICTION | REAL-LIFE READING & WRITING |
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| SKILLS: | WORD STUDY | WRITING | FLUENCY WITH COMP. ACTIVITY | NONFICTION/ TEST-TAKING | CRITICAL THINKING/ CONTENT AREA VOCAB | PRACTICAL LITERACY |
| Sept. 5 | Contractions | Fact vs. Opinion | Fluency practice and Main Idea & Details | A true story about an inspiring teen; includes a 10-question reading-comprehension quiz | Fiction: A classic story adapted to a 3rd–5th grade reading level; includes a 1-page cause/effect graphic organizer | Reading a map |
| Sept. 19 | Compound Words | Using Quotations | Fluency practice and Sequence of Events | A true story about an inspiring teen; includes a 10-question reading-comprehension quiz | Social Studies: Hispanic Heritage Month; includes a 1-page map or graph activity | Reading nutrition labels |
| Oct. 3 | Prefixes | Writing a Persuasive Paragraph | Fluency practice and Problem & Solution | A true story about an inspiring teen; includes a 10-question reading-comprehension quiz | Health: The rise of steroid use among teens; includes a 1-page chart activity | Reading and understanding Standardized Test instructions |
| Oct. 24 | Suffixes | Not included in this issue | Fluency practice and Story Elements | A true story about an inspiring teen; includes a 10-question reading-comprehension quiz | Not included in this issue | Not included in this issue |
| Nov. 7–21 | SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE WITH FOUR READERS THEATER PLAYS! | | | | | |
| Dec. 5 | Plurals vs. Possessives | Supporting an Opinion | Fluency practice and Parts of Speech | A true story about an inspiring teen; includes a 10-question reading-comprehension quiz | Math: Smart shopping for the holidays; includes a 1-page chart activity | Writing a thank-you note |