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Planning Calendar September 2009-December 2009

FEATURE:	PROFILE	DEBATE	READERS THEATER PLAY	TRUE TEEN STORY	CURRICULUM CONNECTION	REAL-LIFE READING & WRITING
SKILLS:	VOCABULARY	WRITING	DECODING AND FLUENCY	READING AND TEST-TAKING	CRITICAL THINKING/ CONTENT AREA VOCAB	PRACTICAL LITERACY
Sept. 7	Contractions	Fact vs. Opinion	An original play based on the life of athlete Jesse Owens; phonics practice	A teen makes an internet video about the economy; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Science: How scientists are working to protect jaguars; includes a 1-page map activity	Reading nutrition labels
Sept. 21	Possessives	Using Quotations	<i>Fame</i> , a play based on the new teen movie; phonics practice	A teen speaks in Washington, D.C., about diabetes; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Social Studies: Teens are giving an update to the Mexican tradition of mural painting; includes a 1-page pie chart activity	Take Action: Writing an advice column
Oct. 5	Prefixes	Not included in this issue	<i>Amelia</i> , a play based on the on the new movie about Amelia Earhart; phonics practice	A teen basketball player learns about discipline; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Health: The rise of sports injuries; includes a 1-page chart activity	Writing a thank-you note
Oct. 26	Suffixes	Not included in this issue	<i>X-Men Origins: Wolverine</i> , a play based on the new super-hero movie; phonics practice	A dyslexic teen passes a difficult test to become a zoo volunteer; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Not included in this issue	Not included in this issue
Nov. 9 -23	SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE WITH FOUR READERS THEATER PLAYS!					
Dec. 7	Root/base words	Supporting an Opinion	"The Gift of the Magi," an adaptation of the O. Henry short story; phonics practice	A teen trains assistance dogs; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Science: Endangered Arctic Animals; includes a 1-page map activity	Writing a formal e-mail