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Writers are Readers Lester L. Laminack 2015 In *Writers Are Readers*, the mutually supportive roles of reading and writing are made visible through the idea of "flipsides;" how a reader's insights can be turned around to provide insights into his own writing, and vice versa. Lester and Reba's trademark engaging style is woven throughout chapters full of sample lessons, student writing samples, and recommended texts for maximizing the flipped concept across the year. "Leading the student to understand what he did as a reader can become a lens that brings into focus what the writer had to do before a reader ever saw the page," they write. Discover fresh new ways to turn reading strategies into writing opportunities that your students will be excited about and

deeply understand.

**The Knowledge Gap** Natalie Wexler 2020-08-04 The untold story of the root cause of America's education crisis--and the seemingly endless cycle of multigenerational poverty. It was only after years within the education reform movement that Natalie Wexler stumbled across a hidden explanation for our country's frustrating lack of progress when it comes to providing every child with a quality education. The problem wasn't one of the usual scapegoats: lazy teachers, shoddy facilities, lack of accountability. It was something no one was talking about: the elementary school curriculum's intense focus on decontextualized reading comprehension "skills" at the expense of actual knowledge. In the tradition of Dale Russakoff's *The Prize* and Dana Goldstein's *The Teacher Wars*, Wexler brings together history, research, and compelling characters to pull back the curtain on this fundamental flaw in our education system--one that fellow reformers, journalists, and policymakers have long overlooked, and of which the general public, including many parents, remains unaware. But *The Knowledge Gap* isn't just a story of what schools have gotten so wrong--it also follows innovative educators who are in the process of shedding their deeply ingrained habits, and describes the rewards that have come along: students who are not only excited to learn but are also acquiring the knowledge and vocabulary that will enable them to succeed. If we truly want to fix our education system and unlock the potential of our neediest children, we have no choice but to pay attention.

**The Teacher's Guide for Supporting Students from Military Families** Linda Jacobson 2012-09-28 While it is true that children from military families live unique and interesting lives, it is also true that they face many challenges and special circumstances that civilian children and families don't experience. These can include gaps in school attendance and learning due to frequent moves, being separated from a parent who has been deployed, and a sense of isolation in the midst of a civilian community. This comprehensive and evidence-informed guide introduces pre- and inservice teachers to this population and provides essential tools to help minimize the impact of military life on student learning. It addresses issues such as: Frequent transitions between schools, gaps in academic progress, social adjustment, parental deployments, and trauma or tragedy. And it shows how practices already being used in your school can be adapted to ease the transition for military students, and it also introduces original strategies, such as: A "Hero Wall" honoring members of the military, friendship or memory gardens, military Appreciation events, writing letters or making care packages for deployed service members.

**Differentiated Reading Instruction** Sharon Walpole 2007-01-24 This book provides a research-based framework for making differentiated instruction

work in the primary grades. It includes scientifically validated techniques for teaching each component of the beginning reading program. The authors describe how to use assessment to form differentiated small groups and monitor student progress; plan which skills to target and when; and implement carefully selected instructional strategies. Vivid classroom examples illustrate what differentiated instruction looks like in action in each of the primary grades. For additional helpful resources, including classroom-ready lesson plans, teachers can purchase the complementary volume, *How to Plan Differentiated Reading Instruction: Resources for Grades K-3*.

*Reading 2007 Big Book Grade K Unit 1 Week 1 the Little School Bus* Carol Roth 2005-03 An assortment of animals, including a goat in a coat, a quick chick, and a hairy bear, ride the bus to and from school.

*Second Grade Reading and Writing Highlights Learning* 2020-02-04 Mastering second grade reading and writing is fun and exciting with this book that combines language arts activities with puzzles and humor to lower the barriers to learning and build essential skills. Reading and writing are two of the most important building blocks for future learning, and Highlights(TM) brings Fun with a Purpose® into these essential activities for second graders. Our award-winning content blends reading and writing skills with puzzles, humor, and playful art, which makes learning exciting and fun. Second grade reading and writing skills such as phonics, word recognition, and key ideas will help students improve and will build confidence in the classroom.

*Falling in Love with Close Reading* Christopher Lehman 2013 Provides strategies for close reading narratives, informational texts, and arguments using a three-step close-reading ritual.

*The National Curriculum in England - Handbook for Primary Teachers* Scholastic 2013-10-11 Get ready for the biggest curriculum change in more than a decade! To help teachers to deliver the new Curriculum, Scholastic has published the first complete printed version for Key Stages 1 and 2. Full programmes of study for all 11 primary subjects are included along with practical advice on how to implement the curriculum using Scholastic's time-saving resources - including the 1 million best-selling 100s series.

*Reading with Meaning* Debbie Miller 2013 In the second edition of *Reading with Meaning*, Debbie Miller shares her new thinking about comprehension strategy instruction, the gradual release of responsibility instructional model, and planning for student engagement and independence. It has been ten years since the first edition, in which Debbie chronicled a year in her own classroom. *Reading with Meaning, Second Edition* supports that work and expands her vision of strategy instruction and intentional teaching and learning. Debbie believes that every child deserves at least a full year of growth during each classroom year and offers planning documents with

matching assessments to ensure that no child falls through the cracks. The second edition also provides new book recommendations that will engage and delight students, and current picture books for reading aloud and strategy instruction. This new edition reflects Debbie's professional experiences and judgment, her work in classrooms and collaboration with colleagues, and the current research in the field, showcasing her newest, best thinking.

Report of the National Reading Panel : Teaching Children to Read : an Evidence-based Assessment of the Scientific Research Literature on Reading and Its Implications for Reading Instruction National Reading Panel (U.S.) 2000

Kindergarten Reading Highlights Learning 2019-02-05 Tracing and writing activities combine with puzzles to make learning fun while helping kindergarteners build letter recognition and develop lifelong learning confidence. Word recognition is an important step toward reading readiness, and Highlights (TM) infuses Fun with a Purpose® into this essential learning activity. With vibrant art and engaging prompts, Reading exposes kindergarteners to early reading concepts through alphabet, rhyming, and tracing practice with the fun of puzzles and other activities.

Schools of Thought Rexford Brown 1993-08-10 As a result of his visits to classrooms across the nation, Brown has compiled an engaging, thought-provoking collection of classroom vignettes which show the ways in which national, state, and local school politics translate into changed classroom practices. "Captures the breadth, depth, and urgency of education reform".-- Bill Clinton.

The Daily 5 Gail Boushey 2006 Describes the philosophy of the Daily 5 teaching structure and includes a collection of literacy tasks for students to complete daily.

Reading Reasons Kelly Gallagher 2003 "Why should I read?" Can your students answer that question? Do they have trouble seeing the importance that reading may have in their lives? Are they lacking motivation, both in academic and recreational reading? Do you think you can effectively teach reading strategies if students don't understand the benefits of literacy? In Reading Reasons, Kelly Gallagher offers a series of mini-lessons specifically tailored to motivate middle and high school students to read, and in doing so, to help them understand the importance and relevance reading will take in their lives. This book introduces and explains in detail nine specific "real-world" reasons why students should be readers. The book contains forty practical, classroom-tested and reproducible mini-lessons that get to the heart of reading motivation and that can be used immediately in English (as well as other content-area) classrooms. These easy-to-use motivational lessons serve as weekly reading "boostershots" that help maintain reading enthusiasm in your

classroom from September through June. The mini-lessons, ranging from five to twenty minutes in length, hit home with adolescents, and in turn, enable them to internalize the importance reading will play in their lives. Rather than telling students reading is good for them, the lessons in this book show them the benefits of reading.

Working Mother 2002-10 The magazine that helps career moms balance their personal and professional lives.

What Your First Grader Needs to Know (Revised and Updated) E.D. Hirsch, Jr. 2014-08-26 Give your child a smart start with the revised and updated What Your First Grader Needs to Know What will your child be expected to learn in the first grade? How can you help him or her at home? How can teachers foster active, successful learning in the classroom? This book answers these all-important questions and more, offering the specific shared knowledge that hundreds of parents and teachers across the nation have agreed upon for American first graders. Featuring a new Introduction, filled with opportunities for reading aloud and fostering discussion, this first-grade volume of the acclaimed Core Knowledge Series presents the sort of knowledge and skills that should be at the core of a challenging first-grade education. Inside you'll discover • Favorite poems—old and new, such as “The Owl and the Pussycat,” “Wynken, Blynken, and Nod,” and “Thirty Days Hath September” • Beloved stories—from many times and lands, including a selection of Aesop’s fables, “Hansel and Gretel,” “All Stories Are Anansi’s,” “The Tale of Peter Rabbit,” and more • Familiar sayings and phrases—such as “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” and “Practice makes perfect” • World and American history and geography—take a trip down the Nile with King Tut and learn about the early days of our country, including the story of Jamestown, the Pilgrims, and the American Revolution • Visual arts—fun activities plus reproductions of masterworks by Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, Paul Cézanne, Georgia O’Keeffe, and others • Music—engaging introductions to great composers and music, including classical music, opera, and jazz, as well as a selection of favorite children’s songs • Math—a variety of activities to help your child learn to count, add and subtract, solve problems, recognize geometrical shapes and patterns, and learn about telling time • Science—interesting discussions of living things and their habitats, the human body, the states of matter, electricity, our solar system, and what’s inside the earth, plus stories of famous scientists such as Thomas Edison and Louis Pasteur

Common Core Curriculum Maps in English Language Arts Great Minds 2011-10-13 The first books to present specific guidance for teaching the Common Core State Standards Forty-three states plus D.C and the U.S. Virgin Islands have signed on to adopt the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The

need for curriculum guides to assist teachers in helping students meet these standards has become imperative. Created by teachers, for teachers, the research-based curriculum maps in this book present a comprehensive, coherent sequence of thematic units for teaching the skills outlined in the CCSS for English language arts in Grades 6-8. Each grade is broken down into six units that include focus standards, suggested works, sample activities and assessments, lesson plans, etc. Teachers can use the maps to plan their year and craft their own more detailed lesson plans The maps address every standard in the CCSS, yet are flexible and adaptable to accommodate diverse teaching styles Any teacher, school, or district that chooses to follow the Common Core maps can be confident that they are adhering to the standards. Common Core Curriculum Maps in English Language Arts, Grades K-5 Great Minds 2011-10-19 The first books to present specific guidance for teaching the Common Core State Standards Forty-three states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands have signed on to adopt the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The need for curriculum guides to assist teachers in helping students meet these standards has become imperative. Created by teachers, for teachers, the research-based curriculum maps in this book present a comprehensive, coherent sequence of thematic units for teaching the skills outlined in the CCSS for English language arts in Grades K-5. The maps address every standard in the CCSS, yet are flexible and adaptable to accommodate diverse teaching styles. Each grade is broken down into six units that include focus standards, suggested works, sample activities and assessments, lesson plans, and more Teachers can use the maps to plan their year and craft their own more detailed lesson plans Any teacher, school, or district that chooses to follow the Common Core maps can be confident that they are adhering to the standards.

Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 National Research Council 2015-07-23 Children are already learning at birth, and they develop and learn at a rapid pace in their early years. This provides a critical foundation for lifelong progress, and the adults who provide for the care and the education of young children bear a great responsibility for their health, development, and learning. Despite the fact that they share the same objective - to nurture young children and secure their future success - the various practitioners who contribute to the care and the education of children from birth through age 8 are not acknowledged as a workforce unified by the common knowledge and competencies needed to do their jobs well.

Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 explores the science of child development, particularly looking at implications for the professionals who work with children. This report examines the current capacities and practices of the workforce, the settings in which they work, the

policies and infrastructure that set qualifications and provide professional learning, and the government agencies and other funders who support and oversee these systems. This book then makes recommendations to improve the quality of professional practice and the practice environment for care and education professionals. These detailed recommendations create a blueprint for action that builds on a unifying foundation of child development and early learning, shared knowledge and competencies for care and education professionals, and principles for effective professional learning. Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure, positive relationships with adults who are knowledgeable about how to support their development and learning and are responsive to their individual progress. *Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8* offers guidance on system changes to improve the quality of professional practice, specific actions to improve professional learning systems and workforce development, and research to continue to build the knowledge base in ways that will directly advance and inform future actions. The recommendations of this book provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the care and the education that children receive, and ultimately improve outcomes for children.

*Interactive Writing* Andrea McCarrier 2018-08-22 *Interactive Writing* is specifically focused on the early phases of writing, and has special relevance to prekindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 teachers.

*So what Do They Really Know?* Cris Tovani 2011 Cris describes the systems and structure she uses in her own classroom and shows teachers how to use assessments to monitor student growth and provide targeted feedback that enables students to master content goals. She also shares ways to bring students into the assessment cycle so they can monitor their own learning, maximizing motivation and engagement. --from publisher description.

*Eager to Learn* National Research Council 2001-01-22 Clearly babies come into the world remarkably receptive to its wonders. Their alertness to sights, sounds, and even abstract concepts makes them inquisitive explorers—and learners—every waking minute. Well before formal schooling begins, children's early experiences lay the foundations for their later social behavior, emotional regulation, and literacy. Yet, for a variety of reasons, far too little attention is given to the quality of these crucial years. Outmoded theories, outdated facts, and undersized budgets all play a part in the uneven quality of early childhood programs throughout our country. What will it take to provide better early education and care for our children between the ages of two and five? *Eager to Learn* explores this crucial question, synthesizing the newest research findings on how young children learn and the impact of early learning. Key discoveries in how young children learn are reviewed in language accessible to parents as well as educators: findings about the

interplay of biology and environment, variations in learning among individuals and children from different social and economic groups, and the importance of health, safety, nutrition and interpersonal warmth to early learning. Perhaps most significant, the book documents how very early in life learning really begins. Valuable conclusions and recommendations are presented in the areas of the teacher-child relationship, the organization and content of curriculum, meeting the needs of those children most at risk of school failure, teacher preparation, assessment of teaching and learning, and more. The book discusses: Evidence for competing theories, models, and approaches in the field and a hard look at some day-to-day practices and activities generally used in preschool. The role of the teacher, the importance of peer interactions, and other relationships in the child's life. Learning needs of minority children, children with disabilities, and other special groups. Approaches to assessing young children's learning for the purposes of policy decisions, diagnosis of educational difficulties, and instructional planning. Preparation and continuing development of teachers. Eager to Learn presents a comprehensive, coherent picture of early childhood learning, along with a clear path toward improving this important stage of life for all children.

Creative Curriculum Teaching Strategies 1988-01-01 The Creative Curriculum comes alive! This videotape-winner of the 1989 Silver Apple Award at the National Educational Film and Video Festival-demonstrates how teachers set the stage for learning by creating a dynamic well-organized environment. It shows children involved in seven of the interest areas in the The Creative Curriculum and explains how they learn in each area. Everyone conducts in-service training workshops for staff and parents or who teaches early childhood education courses will find the video an indispensable tool for explaining appropriate practice.

California Common Core State Standards California. Department of Education 2013

Teaching Writing Lucy Calkins 2020-01-21 "Writing allows each of us to live with that special wide-awakeness that comes from knowing that our lives and our ideas are worth writing about." -Lucy Calkins Teaching Writing is Lucy Calkins at her best-a distillation of the work that's placed Lucy and her colleagues at the forefront of the teaching of writing for over thirty years. This book promises to inspire teachers to teach with renewed passion and power and to invigorate the entire school day. This is a book for readers who want an introduction to the writing workshop, and for those who've lived and breathed this work for decades. Although Lucy addresses the familiar topics-the writing process, conferring, kinds of writing, and writing assessment- she helps us see those topics with new eyes. She clears away the debris to show us the teeny details, and she shows us the majesty and meaning, too, in these simple yet

powerful teaching acts. Download a sample chapter for more information. Reading, Grade 2 Carson-Dellosa Publishing 2015-06-26 Standards-Based Connections Reading for grade 2 offers focused skill practice in reading comprehension. A skill assessment will point out students' learning gaps. This allows teachers to choose appropriate student pages for individualized remediation. The student pages emphasize five important reading comprehension skills: summarizing, inferring, story elements, comparing and contrasting, and cause and effect. The book includes high-interest fiction and nonfiction, with texts about moving day, volcanoes, Laura Ingalls Wilder, planets, poetry, and more. --Each 96-page book in the Standards-Based Connections Reading series includes a skill assessment, an assessment analysis, targeted practice pages, and an answer key, making this series an ideal resource for differentiation and remediation. The skill assessments and assessment analyses help teachers determine individualized instructional needs. And, the focused, comprehensive practice pages and self-assessments guide students to reflection and exploration for deeper learning!

Brainless Sameness Bob Sornson 2018-08-16 This book is a manifesto for change to a system that allows students to fall in love with learning and stay in the growth mindset for life. It offers an inspired vision of what schools could be, with clear action steps for your school and your community.

Cincinnati Magazine 2003-04 Cincinnati Magazine taps into the DNA of the city, exploring shopping, dining, living, and culture and giving readers a ringside seat on the issues shaping the region.

Understanding by Design Grant Wiggins 2005 Presents a multifaceted model of understanding, which is based on the premise that people can demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways.

Issues and trends in education for sustainable development Leicht, Alexander 2018-02-19 Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is globally acknowledged as a powerful driver of change, empowering learners to make decisions and take actions needed to build a just and economically viable society respect ful of both the environment and cultural diversity.

Educating the Student Body Institute of Medicine 2013-11-30 Physical inactivity is a key determinant of health across the lifespan. A lack of activity increases the risk of heart disease, colon and breast cancer, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, osteoporosis, anxiety and depression and others diseases. Emerging literature has suggested that in terms of mortality, the global population health burden of physical inactivity approaches that of cigarette smoking. The prevalence and substantial disease risk associated with physical inactivity has been described as a pandemic. The prevalence, health impact, and evidence of changeability all have resulted in calls for action to increase physical activity across the lifespan. In response to the need to find ways to

make physical activity a health priority for youth, the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Physical Activity and Physical Education in the School Environment was formed. Its purpose was to review the current status of physical activity and physical education in the school environment, including before, during, and after school, and examine the influences of physical activity and physical education on the short and long term physical, cognitive and brain, and psychosocial health and development of children and adolescents. Educating the Student Body makes recommendations about approaches for strengthening and improving programs and policies for physical activity and physical education in the school environment. This report lays out a set of guiding principles to guide its work on these tasks. These included: recognizing the benefits of instilling life-long physical activity habits in children; the value of using systems thinking in improving physical activity and physical education in the school environment; the recognition of current disparities in opportunities and the need to achieve equity in physical activity and physical education; the importance of considering all types of school environments; the need to take into consideration the diversity of students as recommendations are developed. This report will be of interest to local and national policymakers, school officials, teachers, and the education community, researchers, professional organizations, and parents interested in physical activity, physical education, and health for school-aged children and adolescents.

Atlanta Magazine 2005-01 Atlanta magazine's editorial mission is to engage our community through provocative writing, authoritative reporting, and superlative design that illuminate the people, the issues, the trends, and the events that define our city. The magazine informs, challenges, and entertains our readers each month while helping them make intelligent choices, not only about what they do and where they go, but what they think about matters of importance to the community and the region. Atlanta magazine's editorial mission is to engage our community through provocative writing, authoritative reporting, and superlative design that illuminate the people, the issues, the trends, and the events that define our city. The magazine informs, challenges, and entertains our readers each month while helping them make intelligent choices, not only about what they do and where they go, but what they think about matters of importance to the community and the region.

Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every Kindergarten Student Richard McNeel 2012-06-01 This resource helps teachers to incorporate writing instruction in the kindergarten classroom as an essential element of literacy development while implementing best practices. As a classroom-tested resource, Getting to the Core of Writing shows positive results in students' writing and simplifies the planning of writing instruction. It

assists teachers in becoming familiar with the Common Core State Standards of Writing and provides resources to support the implementation of these standards. The included ZIP file contains information on how to establish a daily writing workshop that includes consistent, structured instruction to engage students in the writing process. This resource was developed with Common Core State Standards as its foundation and is aligned to the interdisciplinary themes from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

Teaching to the Math Common Core State Standards F. D. Rivera 2014-02-05

This is a methods book for elementary majors and preservice/beginning elementary teachers. It takes a very practical approach to learning to teach elementary school mathematics in an emerging Age of the Common Core State Standards. The Common Core State Standards in Mathematics (CCSSM) is not meant to be “the” official mathematics curriculum; it was purposefully developed primarily to provide clear learning expectations of mathematics content that are appropriate at every grade level and to help prepare all students to be ready for college and the workplace. A quick glance at the Table of Contents in this book indicates a serious engagement with the recommended mathematics underlying the kindergarten through grade 5 portions of the CCSSM first, with issues in content-practice assessment, learning, teaching, and classroom management pursued next and in that order. In this book we explore what it means to teach to the CCSSM within an alignment mindset involving content-practice learning, teaching, and assessment. The CCSSM content standards, which pertain to mathematical knowledge, skills, and applications, have been carefully crafted so that they are teachable, learnable, coherent, fewer, clearer, and higher. The practice standards, which refer to institutionally valued mathematical actions, processes, and habits, have been conceptualized in ways that will hopefully encourage all elementary students to engage with the content standards more deeply than merely acquiring mathematical knowledge by rote and imitation. Thus, in the CCSSM, proficiency in content alone is not sufficient, and so does practice without content, which is limited. Content and practice are both equally important and, thus, must come together in teaching, learning, and assessment in order to support authentic mathematical understanding. This blended, multisourced text is a “getting smart” book. It helps elementary majors and preservice/beginning elementary teachers work within the realities of accountable pedagogy and develop a proactive disposition that is capable of supporting all elementary students in order for them to experience growth in mathematical understanding necessary for middle school and beyond, including future careers.

Kindergarten Math With Confidence Bundle Kate Snow 2020-05-26

Comprehensive coverage of all essential kindergarten math topics in one easy-

to-use bundle! Math educator Kate Snow gives parents the tools they need to teach math with confidence. This scripted, open-and-go program leads parents' step-by-step through teaching all the concepts a kindergartner needs to master: counting to 100, writing numbers, beginning addition and subtraction, shapes and patterns, coins, time, and measurement. Short, lively lessons will hold a child's attention by incorporating movement, games, and everyday household objects. Simple, colorful worksheets prepare kindergartners for pencil-and-paperwork that they'll encounter in first grade. Snow demystifies math by including recommendations for wonderful math picture books to enjoy together, plus specific ways to help children apply math to real life throughout the week. Beyond just telling parents what to do, Kindergarten Math With Confidence also helps them understand why the lessons are designed the way they are, giving them the knowledge and confidence to help their children learn. Using Kindergarten Math With Confidence will allow parents to build a strong math foundation for their children.

Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools California. Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission 2006 "Adopted by the California State Board of Education, March 2005"--Cover.

A Fresh Look at Phonics, Grades K-2 Wiley Blevins 2016-06-17 In a Fresh Look at Phonics, Wiley Blevins, author of the blockbuster Phonics from A-Z, explains the 7 ingredients of phonics instruction that lead to the greatest student gains, based on two decades of research in classrooms. For each of these seven must-haves, Wiley shares lessons, routines, word lists, tips for ELL and advanced learners, and advice on pitfalls to avoid regarding pacing, decodable texts, transition time, and more. A Fresh Look at Phonics is the evidence-based solution you have been seeking that ensures all students develop a solid foundation for reading.

Creating Effective Teaching and Learning Environments: First Results from TALIS OECD 2009-06-18 This survey aims to help countries review and develop policies to make the teaching profession more attractive and more effective.

What Your Preschooler Needs to Know E.D. Hirsch, Jr. 2008-03-25 Give your child a smart start with What Your Preschooler Needs to Know Designed for parents to enjoy with children, filled with opportunities for reading aloud and fostering curiosity, this beautifully illustrated anthology offers preschoolers the fundamentals they need to prepare for a happy, productive time in school—and for the rest of their lives. Hundreds of thousands of children have benefited from the acclaimed Core Knowledge Series, developed in consultation with parents, educators, and the most distinguished developmental psychologists. In addition to valuable advice for parents, such

as what it means for a child to be ready for kindergarten, special sidebars throughout the book help parents make reading aloud fun and interactive, suggesting questions to ask, connections to make, and games to play to enrich their preschooler's learning experience. Inside you will discover • Favorite poems and rhymes—all beautifully illustrated, to be read and recited together, from Robert Louis Stevenson's "At the Seaside" to limericks by Edward Lear and tongue twisters by Jack Prelutsky, plus fun "clap along!" and "fingerplay" verses that parents and children can act out together • Beloved stories and fables—stories such as "The Three Little Pigs" and the African folktale "Why Flies Buzz" will open whole new worlds of learning and discovery • Visual arts—beautiful full-color reproductions of classic works that foster early appreciation of art history while igniting discussions about shapes, colors, and different styles and media • Music—dozens of songs to sing and dance to, including such "move around" songs as "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and "The Wheels on the Bus" • History—a delightful introduction to American history, from the first Thanksgiving to Martin Luther King, Jr., with activities and stories parents and children can enjoy together • Science—from exploring the wonder of animals to the physical properties of light, air, and water—fun activities that will let children observe, experience, and enjoy the natural world