

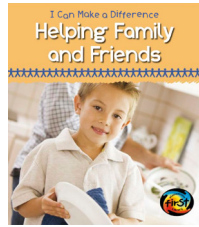
Family Reading Activities

Reading together as a family is one of the most important ways to support your students' reading growth and learning any time of the year. Add to the excitement with activities that start or end with great books. Here are some ideas for students of all ages!

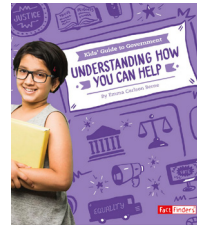
Acts of Kindness

The winter and end of the year provides an opportunity to reflect on those who have shown us kindness over the year. Have your student write character traits that helped make that person a positive and kind influence for others. Make a goal to help at least one person this winter season.

Suggested Books



Helping Family and Friends
Grades 1–3



Understanding How You Can Help
Grades 3–4

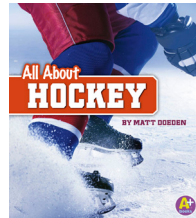


Kids Can Help Kids
Grades 3–5

Winter Sports

With the Winter Olympics quickly approaching, students can learn about their favorite winter sports and write about or create a visual summary. Include information about how the sport started, equipment necessary, physical requirements, and what they learned about the sport. Go for the gold!

Suggested Books



All About Hockey
Grades Pre-K–2



The Winter Olympics
Grades 3–5

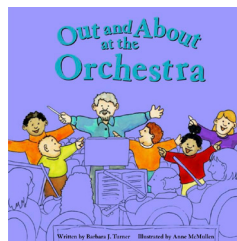


Extreme Snow and Ice Sports
Grades 3–9

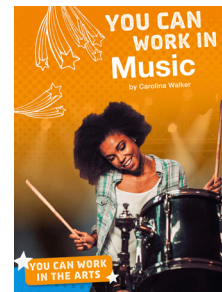
Musical Instruments

December 13 is National Violin Day! Have you ever wanted to learn more about a musical instrument? Read a book together to learn more about an instrument you find interesting. Find video clips of the instrument to watch together and put your newly found information to use. Andante!

Suggested Books



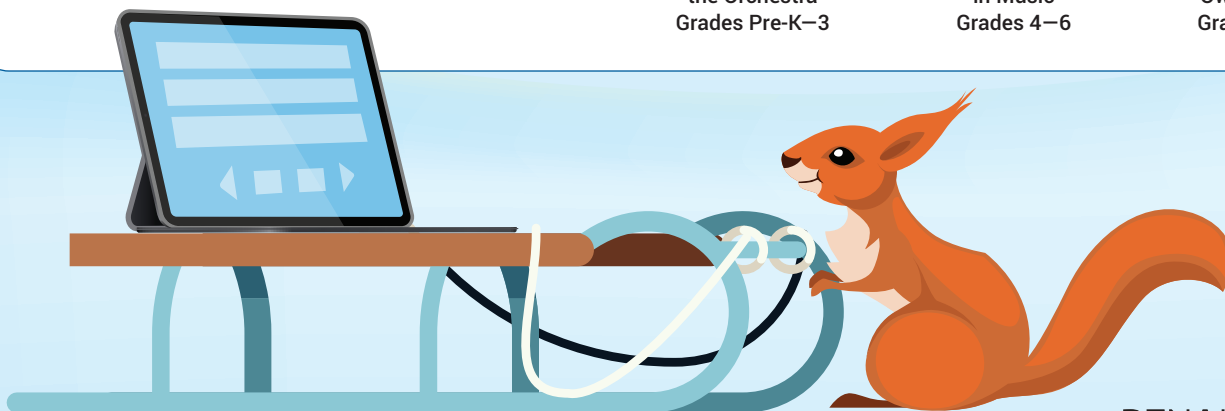
Out and About at the Orchestra
Grades Pre-K–3



You Can Work in Music
Grades 4–6



Create Your Own Music
Grades 5–8



Fun Desserts

Did you know December 16 is Chocolate Covered Anything Day? Check out one of the many sweet books in our collection to decide what dessert you should make next. Make sure to write down the recipe and ingredient list needed so you are prepared to serve your delicious dessert.



Chocolate Chill-out
Cake: and Other
Yummy Desserts
Grades 1–3

Suggested Books



Milton Hershey's
Sweet Idea: A
Chocolate Kingdom
Grades 2–4



Smart Cookie:
Designing Creative
Cookies
Grades 3–9

Winter Animals

Some animals sleep through the winter, others fly south, and a few change their looks to adapt to the change in temperature. Create a diorama showing how animals survive the coldest season.



All About Animals
in Winter
Grades Pre-K–2

Suggested Books



Polar Animal
Adaptations
Grades 2–4



Polar Bears' Search for Ice: A
Cause and Effect Investigation
Grades 6–9

Vacation Destinations

Discover and visit parts of the world without ever leaving the comfort of your own home! Read about destinations from around the world and write a persuasive essay on why it would make a wonderful vacation destination. Be sure to include key information on the type of activities, food, and experience you would enjoy.



Let's Look at Nigeria
Grades Pre-K–2

Suggested Books



Brazil ABCs: A Book
About the People and
Places of Brazil
Grades K–5



Japan: A Benjamin
Blog and His
Inquisitive Dog Guide
Grades 3–5

