

Close Reading with Paired Texts

Level 1



Engaging Lessons
to Improve
Comprehension

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SHELL EDUCATION

The Bakery

A bakery is filled with many yummy treats. Bakers make them for people to buy. They make bread and cakes. Many kinds of muffins are for sale, too. Bakers bake cookies in all shapes and sizes.

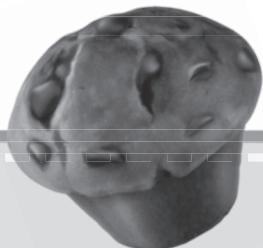
Bakers need many things to bake their goods. They need flour and sugar. They need salt and spices. Bakers use many eggs. They need butter and oil. Fruits and candies are often used in baking, too.

Bakers get up early to bake. They must have everything ready before the store opens. Shoppers rush in to buy the freshly baked treats.



Five Little Muffins

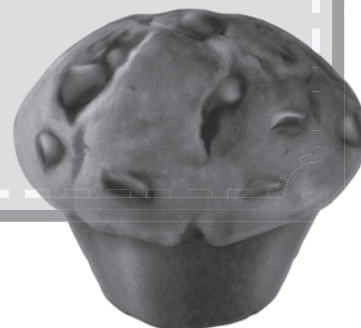
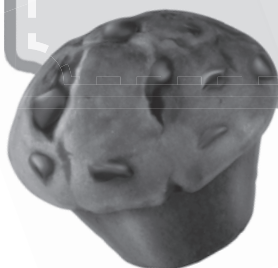
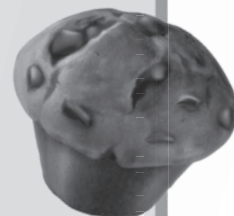
Traditional



There were five little muffins in the bakery shop.
You know the kind with the honey and the nuts on the top.
Along came a child with a penny to pay.
She bought one muffin and ran away.

(Repeat the verse above counting down four, three, two, one. Then continue with the verse below.)

There were no little muffins in the bakery shop.
You know the kind with the honey and the nuts on the top.
Along came a child with a penny to pay.
She said, "WHAT? No muffins!" and ran away.



Play Ball!

By Debra Housel

Kids love baseball. They want to play. That's why Little League® began in 1939. It let children have their own baseball teams.

Kids join Little League® teams to learn how to play baseball. They learn how to be good sports, too. They play against other teams.

At first, only boys could play in Little League®. In 1974, girls were allowed. Then, in 1990, the Challenger Division began. It is for kids with disabilities.

Today, there are thousands of Little League® teams. Any child who wants to play baseball can join a Little League® team.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

By Jack Norworth

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and cracker jack,
I don't care if I never get back,
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game.



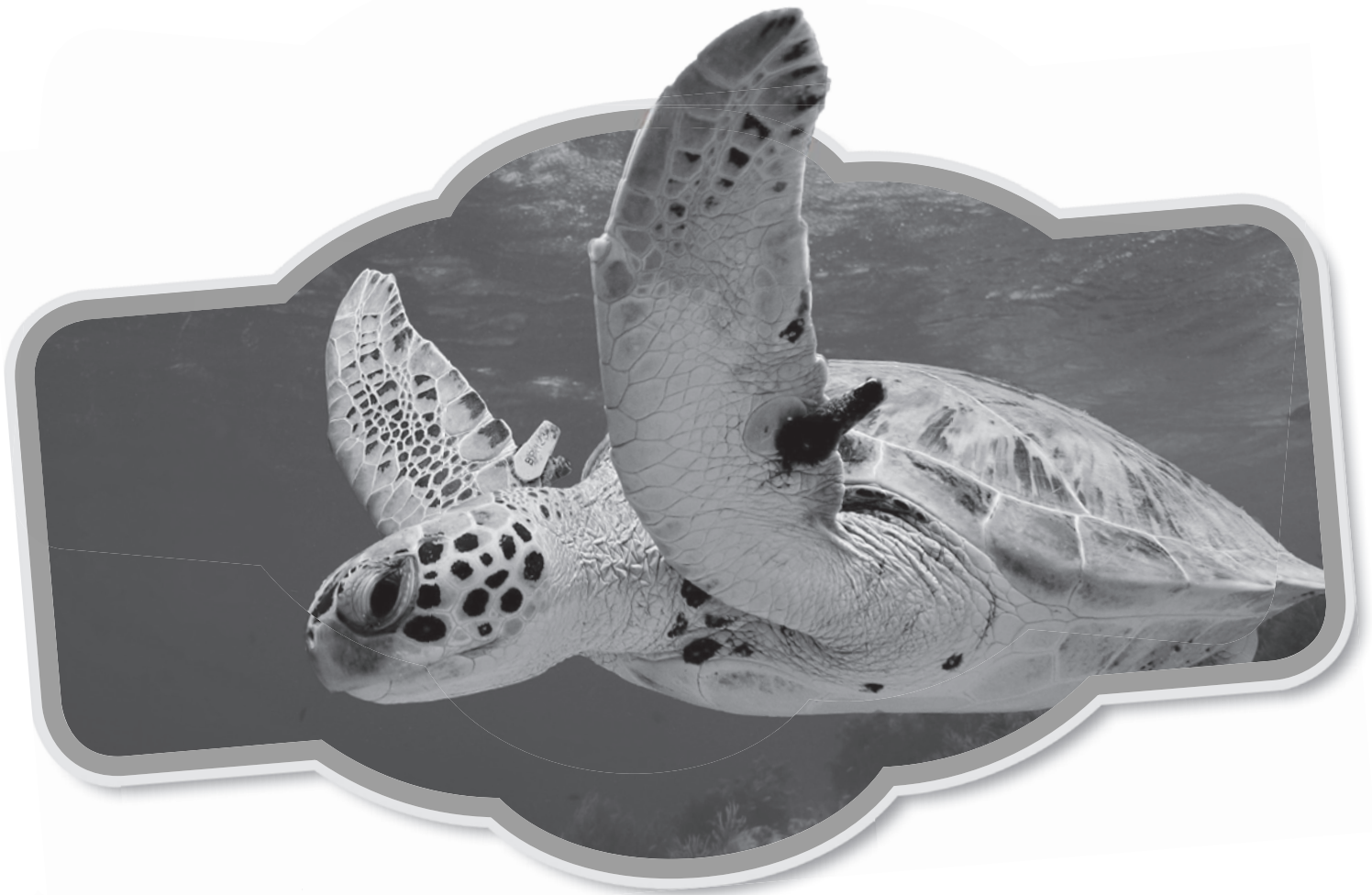
All About Turtles

What animal moves very slowly and carries its home wherever it goes? You guessed it—a turtle!

Turtles are known for their hard shells. A turtle can protect itself by pulling its head and legs inside the shell. This makes it hard for an enemy to get the turtle.

It is interesting to watch turtles eat. They do not have any teeth. Turtles use their beak-shaped mouths to tear their food.

When the weather gets cold, many turtles go to sleep. This is called hibernation. Hibernating helps turtles save energy. Do you know that some turtles hibernate eight months a year? Now that is a good night's sleep!



Finding Tork

By Suzanne Barchers

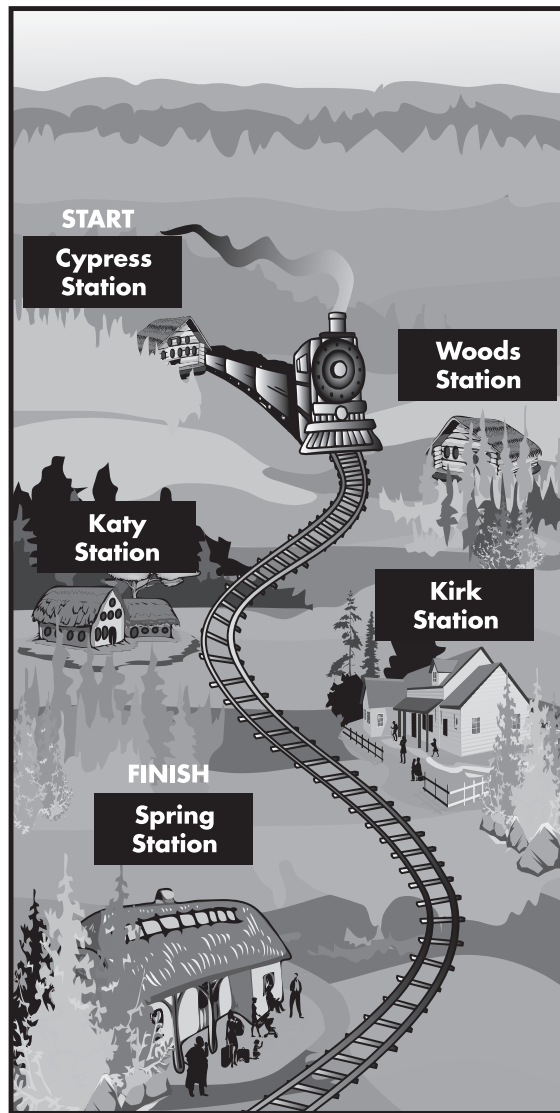
- Kim:** Mom, can you help me find my turtle? He is missing. I have looked everywhere for him.
- Mom:** I think your turtle, Tork, is hiding.
- Kim:** Why?
- Mom:** Winter is coming. Box turtles sleep a lot in winter.
- Kim:** Why does Tork want to sleep?
- Mom:** Turtles slow down in winter. They sleep all winter.
- Kim:** Like bears?
- Mom:** Yes! We should look for quiet and cool places.
- Kim:** He is not under my bed.
- Mom:** Here he is. He's in the closet!
- Kim:** He's sleeping. When will he wake up?
- Mom:** He'll wake up when he's hungry!



All Aboard

Franklin is going to take a train. The trains leave every half hour. Franklin will get on at Katy Station. He will get off the train at Spring Station.

Station	Departing Time
Cypress Station	2:00 P.M.
Woods Station	2:30 P.M.
Katy Station	3:00 P.M.
Kirk Station	3:30 P.M.
Spring Station	4:00 P.M.



Cobbler, Cobbler

Traditional

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe.
Get it done by half-past two.

No, half-past two is much too late,
So get it done by half-past eight.






Stitch it up and stitch it down.
Then I'll give you half a crown.



Favorite Drinks

Collin took a poll for his class. He asked the kids to name their favorite drinks. He found out that sports drinks were the drink chosen by the most kids. Collin decided to make a bar graph to show what he found. Below is the chart that he made.

Favorite Drinks

7		X			
6		X			
5		X			X
4		X		X	X
3	X	X		X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X
1	X	X	X	X	X
	milk 	sports drinks 	water 	chocolate milk 	lemonade 

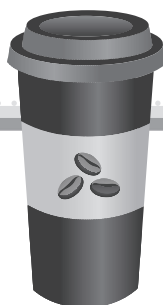
Molly, My Sister

Traditional



Molly, my sister,
And I fell out,
And what do you think
It was all about?

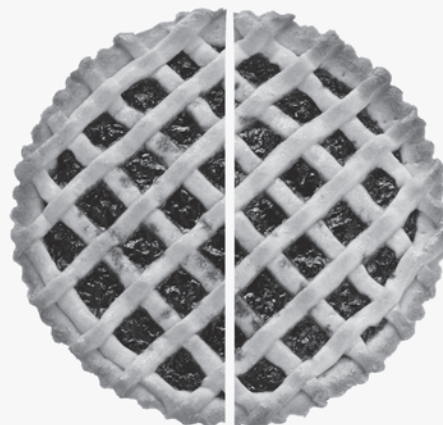
She loved coffee
And I loved tea,
And that was the reason
We couldn't agree.



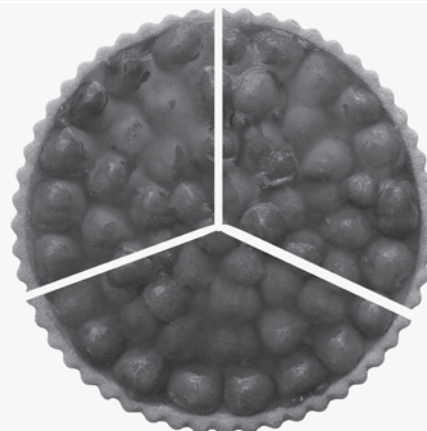
Pie Sharing

Pies are fun to make and delicious to eat. It is fun to share pies with friends. Here are some different ways to share a pie.

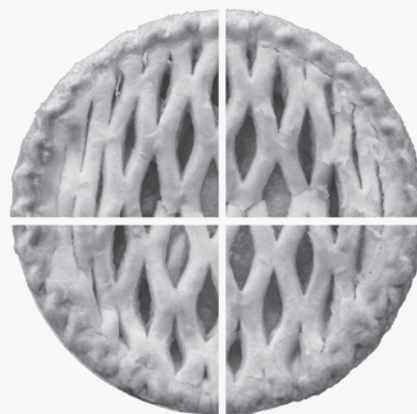
This pie is cut into 2 equal parts. It can be shared by 2 people. Each person would get 1 of the 2 parts, or $\frac{1}{2}$.



This pie is cut into 3 equal parts. It can be shared by 3 people. Each person would get 1 of the 3 parts, or $\frac{1}{3}$.



This pie is cut into 4 equal parts. It can be shared by 4 people. Each person would get 1 of the 4 parts, or $\frac{1}{4}$.

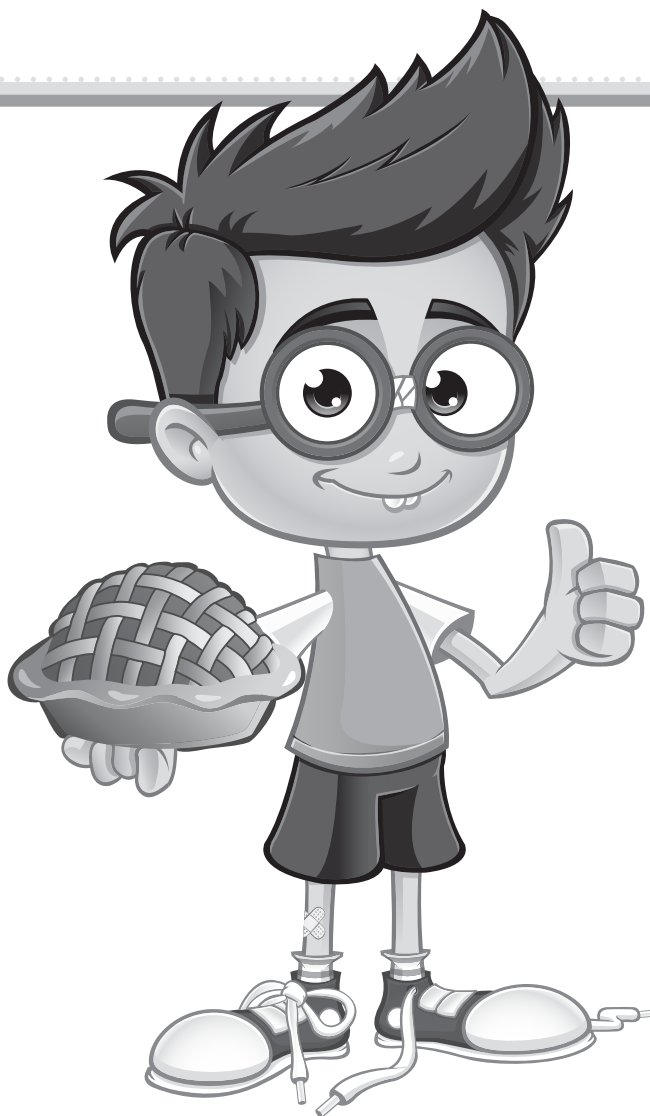


Little Jack Horner

Traditional

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner
Eating his Christmas pie.

He put in his thumb
And pulled out a plum
And said, "What a good boy am I."



How Plants Grow

Do you know how plants grow? First, there is a seed. It is under the ground. Next, roots grow down into the soil. The roots get food and water for the plant. Then, the stem begins to grow above the ground. The stem grows up, up, up. Leaves grow on the stem. The leaves need the sun to make food for the plant. Some plants get flowers. We can watch plants grow. We can watch them grow tall.



Planting, Waiting, Growing

By Katrina E. Housel

Dig a hole in the ground
And put seeds all around.

Let the plants have some sun.
Gardening is fun!

Give water to the shoots
To help them grow their roots.

Gather up the food.
Fruits and veggies to be chewed.

Give your friends the spare.
And spread joy everywhere!



The Seasons

By Kathleen Kopp

What do you think of when you think of spring, summer, autumn, and winter? These are Earth's seasons. The weather is different in each season.



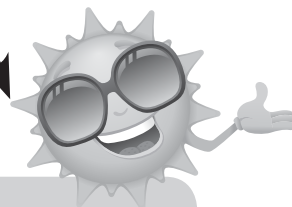
Spring usually means lots of rain. Warmer weather makes the snow and ice melt. New plants sprout. The weather can be windy. It is a good time to fly a kite.



Winter can be very cold. It brings snow in some places. Many animals sleep during the winter. It is fun for children to play in the snow. They can build snowmen. In other places it does not snow.



The weather in the **summer** is hot. Plants grow a lot in this season. Children like to swim and play in the water to keep cool.



In **autumn**, the weather gets cooler. The leaves change colors and fall off the trees. Animals get ready for winter.

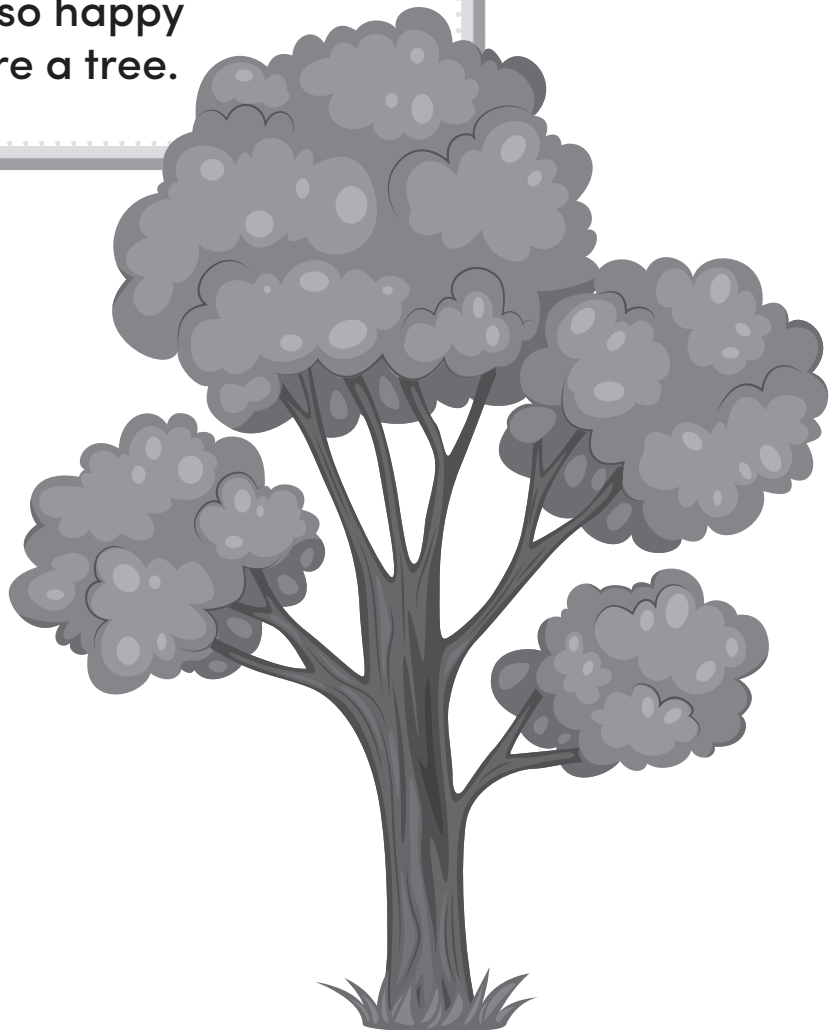


If I Were a Tree

If I were a tree,
I'd grow straight and high.
And touch my branches
way up to the sky.

I would dig my roots
down far and down deep.
I'd grow in the spring.
In winter I'd sleep.

The birds in their nests
would all live on me.
I'd be so happy
if I were a tree.



The Moon

By Christine Dugan

We can see many objects from Earth at night. The moon is the closest and brightest. But the moon does not make its own light. The moon just reflects the light of the sun. What we see as moonlight is actually reflected sunlight.

Watch the sky for a month. The moon will go through phases. This makes it seem as if the moon changes in size and shape. This is because we can only see part of the moon. We see the sunlit part that faces Earth.

During a full moon, we can see all of the moon's sunlit surface.

During a half moon, we see only half of the moon's sunlit surface.

During a crescent moon, we see only a sliver of the moon's sunlit surface.

On some nights, we see no moon at all! This is called a *new moon*.



Hey Diddle Diddle

Traditional

Hey diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Meet Lady Liberty

By Sharon Coan

The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of the United States. France gave the United States a gift. The gift was a statue—the Statue of Liberty. We call her Lady Liberty. Liberty means freedom. Lady Liberty came on a ship in many parts. When they put her together, she was 305 feet (93 meters) tall. A crown is on her head. She holds a book. She is proud. She shows that Americans are free.



Coming to America

By Kathleen E. Bradley

- Narrator:** A ferry sails through New York Harbor. The Statue of Liberty can be seen briefly through gaps in the morning fog.
- Sophia:** Oh, she's beautiful—a princess! Do you see her crown?
- Francis:** Wow! Yes, I see her now. She is very big! Papa said that when we see the Statue of Liberty, we've made it to America.
- Mama:** That's true. It won't be long before we see Papa, too.
- Sophia:** I miss Papa. It's been so long. I want to be a whole family again—instead of in pieces.
- Captain:** The statue knows how that feels. Lady Liberty also came to America in pieces. She was packed up in many wooden crates.
- Captain's Son:** Two hundred fourteen crates to be exact. She was brought here on a ship from France. My father saw the crates with his own eyes.



Picturing Our World

By Sandy Phan

Maps help us know where we are. They show Earth's land, water, and places. A map is a small picture of a large area.

Maps have many features. A compass rose shows four directions: north, east, south, and west. Maps also have legends, sometimes called keys. A legend tells you what the symbols, lines, and colors on a map mean. Knowing these features can help you read and better understand maps.



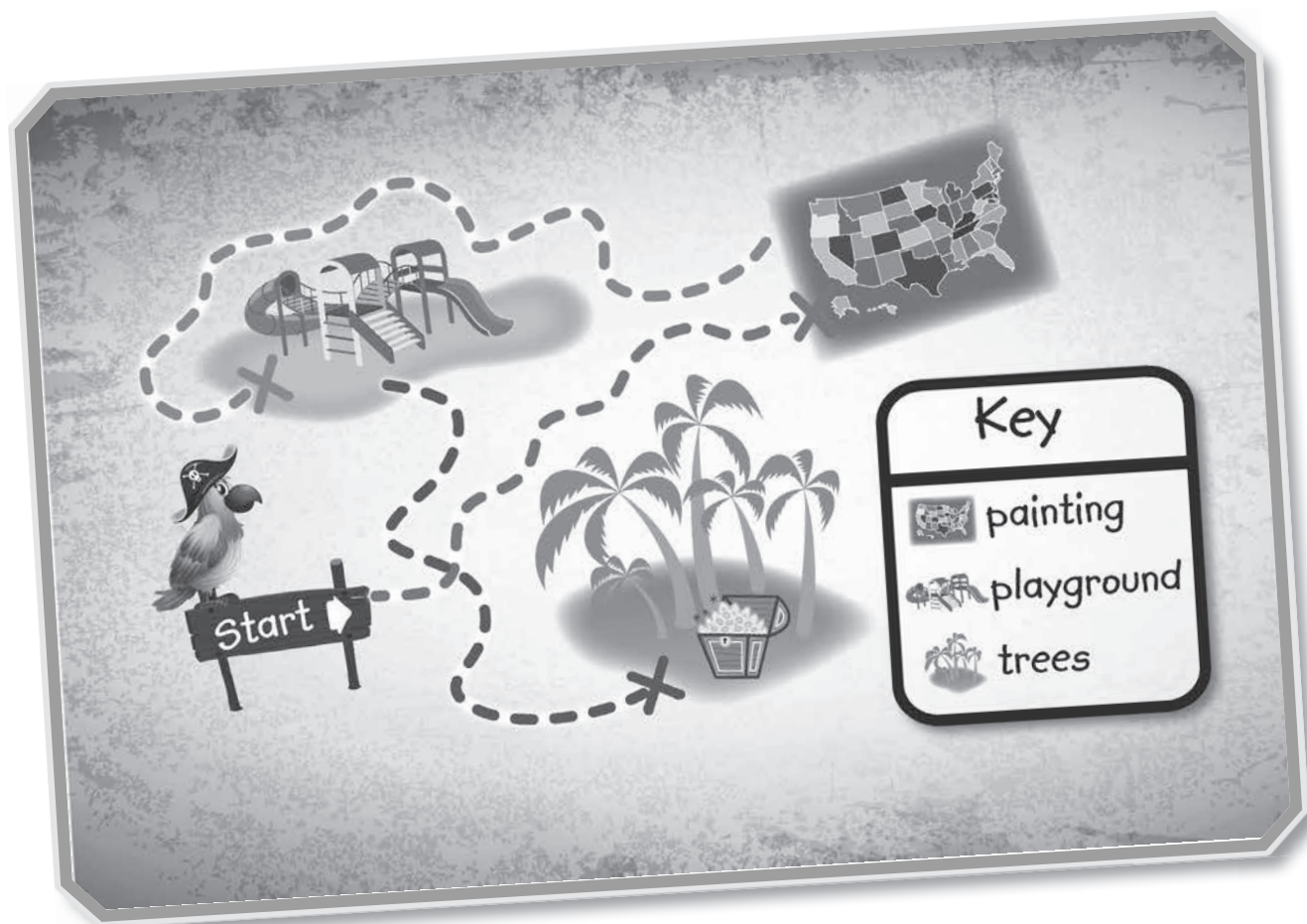
Follow That Map!

By Sharon Coan

We are at a party. We play games. We have a treasure hunt. We use a map. We follow the map. We use the key.

We run to the first place. We see a painting. The treasure is not here. We run to the second place. We are at the playground. The treasure is not here. We run to the third place. We look for the treasure. The treasure is here!

We used the map. We found the treasure.



School: Then and Now

By Karen Donovan

You go to school so you will be ready for life. Long ago, only rich boys went to school. Girls did not go to school at all. The boys went to school for three months each year. They only learned reading, writing, and math.

A man named Horace Mann changed schools so that all children could go. He did not think it mattered if you were a boy or a girl. He thought all students, rich or poor, should learn. He also made the school year longer. Today, the school year is almost 10 months long. That is because there is so much more to learn.



School Days



Paper scraps and ink smells,
Summer's ending, tolling bells,
Uniforms and shoe straps,
New blue jeans and baseball caps,

September donning autumn clothes,
Chilly winds and frosted nose,
Crisp fall colors falling down,
School bus rolling into town.
Children yawning in their beds,
It's time for school, sleepyheads!