



# Bring Science and Social Studies to Life with Fun, First-Grade Nonfiction!

Each issue of *Scholastic News*® Edition 1 brings first-grade science and social studies nonfiction right to your classroom. The issues are packed with bright, modern photos that grab students' attention. Plus, the magazine grows along with your students, becoming more challenging with each issue as your students become better readers.

# THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL SKILLS ARE ADDRESSED IN SCHOLASTIC NEWS:

# LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Develop listening skills through shared reading and read-alouds.
- Build conversation skills by:
  - · Listening to the speaker
  - Taking turns speaking
  - Asking and answering questions
- Practice following directions.
- Learn and use new content vocabulary.
- Practice strategies to determine word meanings by:
  - Using information about word parts
  - Using context clues
  - Using pictures and illustrations
- Understand and practice using pronunciation guides.

#### **WRITING**

- Practice early-writing skills.
- Print words and sentences.
- Enhance comprehension of a topic through written responses.
- Recognize capitalization and punctuation.
- Use interrogative and declarative sentences.
- Use graphic organizers.
- Learn to answer different types of written questions.

### **READING COMPREHENSION**

- Experience reading as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Read with a purpose.
- Use picture cues to understand the text.
- Practice the following comprehension strategies:
  - Sequencing
- Posing questions
- Predicting
- •Retelling
- Main idea/detail
- •Making comparisons
- Understand a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
  - Headlines
- Photo captions

Maps

- •Graphs and charts
- Practice fluency through repeated reading at home and school.

# PHONICS/WORD-LEVEL SKILLS

- · Understand the alphabetic principle.
- Recognize simple phonics patterns in the text, such as:
  - Consonants
- •Blended sounds
- Long and short vowels
- Practice decoding words in the text.
- Participate in a print-rich environment.

# **SCIENCE**

- Understand important science concepts and topics, includina:
  - Life cycles
  - Habitats
  - Characteristics of organisms
  - Earth and sky
  - Personal health
  - How scientists work
- Begin to interpret visual aids found in science texts, including:
  - Diagrams
  - Graphs
  - Charts

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- Learn to use the web as a source of information and a means of communication.
- Improve students' ability to organize complex information, recognize patterns, draw inferences, and communicate findings.
- Foster collaboration and whole-class learning with digital articles and activities.
- Develop technology literacy that is fundamental for students' academic and occupational success.

# **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Develop the ability to read maps beginning with floor plans and neighborhood maps and expanding to U.S. maps.
- Supports National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Standards.
- Understand important social studies concepts and topics, including:

• Culture

Holidays

Long ago and today

•How things are made

• U.S. symbols

Presidents

Activity pages contain charts, graphs, maps, and more!

• U.S. history

Friendship and community

People and current events

## MATH

- Practice basic math skills, such as:
  - Addition and subtraction
  - Number sentences
  - Using calendars
  - Adding money
  - · Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s
  - · Using different kinds of graphs



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