Emergent Reader Series: Current Titles

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Emergent Readers 1-7: VC, CVC Words

I Am Sam  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Who is Sam? Sam shape-shifts his body into punctuation, letters, and other surprises for the reader.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Consonant /s/ sound spelled s, consonant /m/ sound spelled m, short /a/ sound spelled a.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: I, yes

Cam and Sam  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Cam and Sam become friends as they explore the similarities in their names.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /k/ sound spelled c.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: and, likes

Ann Can  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
Ann learns what she can do at school, including making a new friend.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /n/ sound spelled n.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: like, you

C and K  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Cam and Kass are hollering about their favorite letters, but Mack helps them understand that they can all like more than one.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /k/ sound spelled k, ck.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: all, we

Can You See 3?  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Help the detective find hidden objects in each setting. Even he is surprised by what he finds!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /t/ sound spelled t.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: a, on, see

Pam Likes to Nap  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Meg McLean  16 pages
While Sam is busy setting up camp, Pam is busy finding odd places to fall asleep!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /p/ sound spelled p.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: in, to

Can I See Tom?  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
In a classic game of hide-and-seek, Tom’s socks finally give him away.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Short /o/ sound spelled o.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: is, it

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Emergent Readers 8-14: CCVCC Words (Blends)

We Can’t Stop!  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Preston Neel  
16 pages  
Pat and Mag have mixed emotions as they speed along on a wagon ride that won’t stop.  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /g/ sound spelled g.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: go, the

Dot and Dan  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Meg McLean  
16 pages  
Dot the dog wants to go for a walk, but Dan is tired and falls asleep. Will he be mad when he finds out what kind of mischief Dot has been up to?  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /d/ sound spelled d.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: my, she

Dot Likes to Dig  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Meg McLean  
20 pages  
Dot the dog is into mischief again as she decides to bury some of Dan’s things while he is in the shower. Will Dan be upset this time?  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Short /i/ sound spelled i.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: her, oh

To the Top  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Preston Neel  
20 pages  
A “tortoise and the hare” story told with a slow-and-steady ant and a proud ram, who is very sure he will win the race to the top.  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /r/ sound spelled r.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: little, me, no

On a Log  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Preston Neel  
20 pages  
A silly story about a pig-pile of animals and how the littlest one of all can cause the pile to fall.  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /l/ sound spelled l.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: be, he

Hal Likes Hats  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Preston Neel  
20 pages  
Hal likes hats, but not just any hats. Clock hats, stoplight hats, tin pot and pan hats... Hal has them all.  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /h/ sound spelled h.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: of, that

Fran Can Flip  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  
Illustrated by Keinyo White  
19 pages  
Fran likes to practice flips and spins, but loses her confidence when she is picked on by a group of kids. But with a friend’s encouragement, Fran is back up for the best flip of all.  
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /f/ sound spelled f.  
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: look, too
Emergent Readers 15-21: Compound Words

Ted Can Do Tricks
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
Nel praises her dog Ted as he performs a variety of tricks.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Short /e/ sound spelled e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: by, do, good

My Wagon Is Red
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh  16 pages
There are so many colors to see on a day at the beach, from the orange of the sunset to the black of the night.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Short /u/ sound spelled u.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: for

The Sunset Pond Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Jonathan Bumas  20 pages
Matt and Bud love to skip rocks, swim, relax, and play around the pond until the sun sets.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /b/ sound spelled b.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: down, into, then, what

Jen's Best Gift Ever Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  24 pages
Jen jumps out of bed on her birthday to find a neatly packaged present waiting for her. What could it be? It is her best gift ever!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /j/ sound spelled j.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: from

We Can Get Fit
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh  16 pages
informational text encourages the reader to follow along with diagrams to practice jumping jacks, sit ups, and leg lifts, and to learn that it is fun to get fit!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /kw/ sound spelled qu.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: are, this, will

This and That Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages
THIS and THAT are mischievous twin rats who plan to trick the cats. Will the cats stand for it? The chase is on!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /th/ sound spelled th.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: their, they

Scamp Gets a Bath
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh  20 pages
The kids panic when they see Scamp out playing in the mud, so they decide to scrub him in the tub and accidentally create a second mess! What will mom say?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /y/ sound spelled y.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: under

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Emergent Readers 22-28: Multisyllabic Words

It Is Halloween! Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages
Jon and Ellen experience jack-o-lantern carving, dressups, and a mystery at their grandparents' house on Halloween.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Shwa /ə/sound spelled a.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: with.

Fred and Max in the Sandbox
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Fred and his dog, Max, enjoy being together in the sandbox. When Max sits on Fred's sand castle, will Fred be upset with him?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /ks/ sound spelled x.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

Will is Up at Bat Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  24 pages
When Will gets a hit in his baseball game, he has to make a plan. His decision makes for a close call at home plate.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /w/ sound spelled w.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

I Like Soccer
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages
Told from a young soccer player's perspective, this realistic depiction of a soccer game takes the reader into play on the field.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /z/ sound spelled z.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: green, yellow.

I Can Mix Colors
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages
While the narrator experiments with mixing primary colors, the reader is able to predict whether or not her theories about mixing colors will be correct.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Letter-sound review.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: brown, blue, have.

Vivid Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages
A mother and son take the bus to the market and back. Along the way, they capture the beauty and variety of colors in their vivid town.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /v/ sound spelled v.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: when.

Meg and Jim's Sled Trip Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh  20 pages
After a snowstorm subsides, Meg and Jim spend the day sledding down a big sled hill.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /ē/ sound spelled ee.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: day.

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Emergent Readers 29-41: Words with Endings

A Cricket Sings
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  19 pages
This poem is narrated by a little girl who traps a cricket in a glass, sets it free, then listens
to its cricket song.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /ng/ sound spelled ng
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

Stink Bug
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  20 pages
This informational text outlines the unique body parts, characteristics, and life cycle of a
stink bug.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: /ng/ sound spelled n[k]
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: grows

Grandma Dot Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
A grandson fondly describes his grandma Dot and reveals the special relationship they
share.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: r-Controlled /ûr/ sound spelled er.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

Fun in Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages
A boy describes the activities that are at the top of his list for each season, including
swimming under the summer sun and picking pumpkins in the brisk fall wind.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Variant vowel /aw/ sound spelled aw.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

Just a Box Companion
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  20 pages
A brother and sister transform a big cardboard box into a vehicle that takes them on
several imaginary adventures.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: /d/ or /t/ sound for inflectional ending -ed
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: said, was

Am I Lucky?
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
When a bee lands on a little girl having a picnic with her dad, she thinks it is unlucky.
But when ladybug luck lands on her, her perspective on the day begins to change.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /é/ sound spelled y.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: so

Hints of Fall
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages
This book of riddles depicts each season using vivid details, experiences, and illustrations.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Consonant /l/ sounds spelled le.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: very

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I Like Spectrums

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages

This informational title describes what a spectrum is and how the reader can learn to make one.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Foundational Skills Consolidation

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: light, these

I Sang a Song to Spring

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Kate Hosford  16 pages

This book of seasonal “songs” depicts sensory experiences in each season using vivid details, experiences, and illustrations.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Foundational Skills Consolidation

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: grow

Balls

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Keinyo White  16 pages

In this informational text, the reader can learn about different sports played with balls, using labeled illustrations.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Foundational Skills Consolidation

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: or, over, your

Insects

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  16 pages

Through vivid, up-close drawings with labels and fun facts, the reader can learn about eight different insects.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Foundational Skills Consolidation

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: four, front

Dogs

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  20 pages

Readers can learn about different breeds of dogs and their characteristics, nicknames, and special abilities.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Foundational Skills Consolidation

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: could, one, why, would

I Can Plant a Seed

Written by Laura Appleton-Smith  Illustrated by Preston Neel  19 pages

“When it is spring, I plant a seed.” As the narrator tends to the seed, she describes how it grows into a plant that is taller than her, and what happens to it throughout the following seasons.

Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /hw/ sound spelled wh.

New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)
“Gull Talk” Poem
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 1 page
All gull talk stops when gulls go to their nests. Isn’t it tranquil when all of them rest?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Schwa /ə/ sound.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: by, down, from, go, have, of, their, they, to, what

“Junk?” Poem
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 1 page
After all, what is junk to you is a treasure to me. But what will Frank build with it all?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /ng/ sound spelled /kn/.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: are, day, he, look, me, now, said

The Sunset Pond
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Jonathan Bumas • 31 pages
In the evening, as the sun begins to set, Matt and his dog Bud set out on an adventure to Sunset Pond.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /ff/; /gg/; /ll/; /nn/; /ss/; /tt/; /zz/; /kk/; /ng/; /ng n[k]/; /th/; /hw/; /wh/; a, e, i, o, u; /ee/; /y/; /ar/; /aw/ a(l, l); /l/ le; /d/ or /t/; -ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: be, for, may

Jen’s Best Gift Ever
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 27 pages
It is Jen’s seventh birthday and her mom, dad, and sister Emma have chosen a very special gift—a gift that will prove to be Jen’s best gift ever!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /ff/; /gg/; /ll/; /nn/; /ss/; /tt/; /zz/; /kk/; /ng/; /ng n[k]/; /th/; /hw/; /wh/; a, e, i, o, u; /ee/; /y/; /ar/; /aw/ a(l, l); /l/ le; /d/ or /t/; -ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: a, l, out, pulls, she, so

It Is Halloween!
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 27 pages
A family celebrates the Halloween rituals of picking pumpkins, cutting jack-o-lanterns, dressing up, and trick-or-treating.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /ff/; /gg/; /ll/; /nn/; /ss/; /tt/; /zz/; /kk/; /ng/; /ng n[k]/; /th/; /hw/; /wh/; a, e, i, o, u; /ee/; /y/; /ar/; /aw/ a(l, l); /l/ le; /d/ or /t/; -ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: do, or, too, was, you

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New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: about, are, goes, put

Just a Box
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 25 pages
Finding a big cardboard box is a treasure for Anita and Ramon. The box becomes the vehicle to take the children on several imaginary adventures.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /ff/; /gg/; /ll/; /nn/; /ss/; /tt/; /zz/; /kk/; /ng/; /ng n[k]/; /th/; /hw/; /wh/; a, e, i, o, u; /ee/; /y/; /ar/; /aw/ a(l, l); /l/ le; /d/ or /t/; -ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: could, even, first, home, like, make, one, we
My Vivid Town  
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A mother and son take the crosstown bus to the market and back. Along the way, they capture the beauty and varied colors of their vivid town.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /f/, /g/, /l/, /n/, /s/, /t/, /z/; /k/, /ck; /ng/, /n[k]; /th/, /hw/; /a/, /e/, /i/, /o/, /u/, /e/; /y/, /är/, /ər/; /aw/; /l/, /le/; /d/ or /t/ –ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: began, blue, brown, my, our, white, yellow

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A great grandson fondly describes his great grandma Dot and reveals the special relationship that they share.
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New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: food, great, into, new

Will Is Up at Bat  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 23 pages
When he is up to bat in a baseball game, Will has to make a series of decisions before he hits the right pitch and while he is running the bases.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Foundational skills consolidation: Single consonants and short vowels: /f/, /g/, /l/, /n/, /s/, /t/, /z/; /k/, /ck; /ng/, /n[k]; /th/, /hw/; /a/, /e/, /i/, /o/, /u/, /e/; /y/, /är/, /ər/; /aw/; /l/, /le/; /d/ or /t/ –ed.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

Decodable Literature Library
Reading Series Two: Consonant Digraphs

The King of Spring  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 31 pages
The King of Spring’s seasonal awakening is celebrated with fanfare provided by his royal subjects. When the wind kicks up, the king’s subjects fear that the celebration will be ruined.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /ng/ sound spelled ng.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: by, full, of, there, were, where

The Twins THIS and THAT  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 27 pages
THIS and THAT are twin rats that pester and bother THICK and THIN, the Smith family’s twin cats. The two mischievous sets of twins engage in a delightful rollick.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Digraph /th/ sound spelled th, Digraph /hw/ sound spelled wh.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: also, been, who, your

Mr. Sanchez and the Kickball Champ  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 33 pages
With the help of Mr. Sanchez, Roberto learns the skills necessary to become a kickball champ, and at the same time, he learns the value of friendship.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Digraph /ch/ sound spelled ch, tch.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: because, each, having, no, play, time

Frank the Fish Gets His Wish  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 37 pages
Frank the fish lives in the biggest and best tank in Pat’s Pet Shop, but he is lonely. On an unexpected adventure, Frank discovers the importance of friendship.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /sh/ sound spelled sh.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: once, would
“Phil Can Read!” Poem  
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 1 page
I could read you paragraphs on elephants and rockets... But what happens when all of the words have ended?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Digraph /f/ sound spelled ph.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: come, good, know, look, now, oh, over, read

Interesting Elephants  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • 20 pages
A nonfiction title that introduces interesting characteristics of African elephants and their vast habitat.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Consonant digraph consolidation: /th/ th; /ch/ ch, tch; /sh/ sh; /ng/ ng, n[k]; /ph/ ph; /hw/ wh.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: days, use, other

Decodable Literature Library
Reading Series Two: Long Vowels with Silent e

The Case of Jake’s Escape  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 34 pages
When Jake, a mischievous Great Dane, escapes from his yard, his owner asks for help from two kid detectives who follow clues until they catch up with Jake.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /a/ sound spelled a_e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: found, likes, wanted, way, without

My Summertime Camping Trip  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 31 pages
The fun events of a family camping adventure are brought to life with details about setting up tents and roasting marshmallows around the campfire at night.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /i/ sound spelled i_e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: around, light, more, pulled

Mister Mole’s Stove  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 41 pages
When Mister Mole discovers that a stone in his stove has broken, he sets off on a difficult journey to find a replacement. His good friend Otter helps him to retrieve a stone from the cove.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /o/ sound spelled o_e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: how, lived, made, makes, old, opened, take, want, warm, warmed, why

Summer Fun at Duke Park  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 27 pages
A multigenerational family enjoys the rides and games at Duke Park, a local amusement park.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /e/ sound spelled e_e; Long /o/ and Long /u/ sounds u_e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: looks, much, onto, plays

Amazing Snakes!  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • 16 pages
A nonfiction title that introduces readers to some interesting habits and characteristics of snakes.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long vowel with silent e consolidation: Long /a/ sound spelled a_e, Long /i/ sound spelled i_e, Long /o/ sound spelled o_e, Long /e/ sound spelled e_e; Long /o/ and Long /u/ sounds spelled u_e.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: eat, eating, two
Decodable Literature Library
Reading Series Two: Single Long Vowels & Patterns & Soft c and g

Luna Moth
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 23 pages
A narrative description of the life cycle of the Luna moth as it develops from egg to full-grown moth.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /ā/ sound spelled a; Long /ē/ sound spelled e; Long /ī/ sound spelled i; Long /ō/ sound spelled o; Long /ū/ and long /ōō/ sounds spelled u.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: eats, every, four, fully, grow, uses

“Good Bats!” Poem
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 2 pages
Clouds of bats come out at night—they flip and zip and dip in flight... But how do good bats help you every night?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /ī/ sound spelled igh.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: here

Queen Bee Needs to Be Free
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 35 pages
When a bee colony becomes overcrowded, the queen bee’s instinct tells her that she must swarm, leaving her nest to a new queen and establishing a new colony for herself.
Letter-Sound Correspondences: Single long vowels and patterns consolidation: Long /ā/ sound spelled a; Long /ē/ sound spelled e; Long /ī/ sound spelled i. igh & patterns ild, ind; Long /ō/ sound spelled o & patterns old, ost; Long /ū/ and Long /ōō/ sounds spelled u.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: living, only

Dog Agility
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 19 pages
An introduction to an interesting and exciting canine sport, including descriptions of the different types of obstacles, and the roles of the dog and the handler in the sport.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Consonant /j/ sound spelled g, dge; Consonant /s/ sound spelled s.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: any, often, through

Decodable Literature Library
Reading Series Two: r-Controlled Vowels

Marvin’s Trip to Mars
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 39 pages
One night after Marvin is tucked into bed, he is visited by Zar, a friendly space traveler, who invites Marvin to visit Mars and the rest of the planets and the stars.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: r-Controlled /ar/ sound spelled ar.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: between, should

A Sled Dog Morning
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 31 pages
Sedna and her family breed and race Alaskan sled dogs. They experience the birth of a new litter of pups and the excitement of a sled dog race.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: r-Controlled /or/ sound spelled or.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: pull, pulling, putting

Fir Tree Circus
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Keinyo White • 37 pages
A fantasy tale of a young girl who travels into the woods and is lulled into a nap. While she is asleep, the forest animals enact a fantastic circus. Readers are left to question whether the events actually happened. Or was it all just a dream?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: r-Controlled /ûr/ sound spelled ir, ur.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: might
Pearl Learns a Lesson  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 47 pages
Pearl has been given every gift she has ever asked for, but she has never learned to take care of her gifts. Through this tale, Pearl learns a lesson about respect and friendship.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: r—Controlled vowel consolidation: r—Controlled /ûr/ sound spelled or, [w]or, ear, er, ir; r—Controlled /or/ sound spelled or.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: being, five, live, thought

Lin-Lin and the Seagulls  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 30 pages
This folktale is about Lin-Lin, a girl who loves seagulls. Lin-Lin must decide whether to honor an old woman’s request or protect her seagulls. It is the gulls that make the decision.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /e/ sound spelled ea.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: father, loved, some

Shep the Sheep of Caladeen  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 47 pages
Shep feels sad because his wool has never been used to make clothes for the king or queen. After he attempts to run away, Shep learns that there has always been a special plan for his wool.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /e/ sound consolidation: Long /e/ sound spelled ie, ee, ea, y.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: again, doing, many, most, ones

Tracking with Uncle Joe  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 29 pages
Uncle Joe invites Joan and Dan on a springtime expedition to hunt for animal tracks in the snow and mud, and hopefully to spot a few of the animals, too.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /o/ sound spelled oa, oe, ow.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: says

Plates, Quakes, and Glowing Magma  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Greg Harris • 24 pages
A nonfiction title describing the Earth’s layers and plates, earthquakes and volcanic activity, and how students can stay safe during an earthquake.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /o/ sound consolidation: Long /o/ sound spelled o_e, oa, ow.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: another, away, hold, people, right

Snail Hits the Trail  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 39 pages
Ray is an African snail who dreams of traveling the world, but he is frustrated because he moves so slowly. After being introduced to a new way of thinking, Ray sets out on an adventure.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /a/ sound spelled ai, ay.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: air, going

Keeping Track of Snail Facts  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • 26 pages
A nonfiction title that introduces readers to a variety of ways to record, organize, and compare information, including Venn diagrams, webs, charts, and lists.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /a/ sound consolidation: Long /a/ sound spelled a_e, ai, ay.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: write

This product is available with Teacher’s Guides
Oh My! It Must Be the Sky!  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 45 pages
A retelling of the classic tale of Henny Penny, with a few twists, including an interesting cast of new characters and a surprising ending involving the kingdom's big ugly dragon.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /I/ sound spelled y.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: own, pretty

Butterfly Life Cycle  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • 26 pages
A nonfiction title that details the four stages in the life of a butterfly through text, labels, and vivid photographs.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /I/ sound consolidation: Long /I/ sound spelled i_e, y.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: cold, does, during, growing, grows, kinds, newly, outer, warmer

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Reading Series Three: Variant Vowel Digraphs & Diphthongs

The Splendid Pool  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 37 pages
This is an adaptation of Aesop's fable The Goose That Laid the Golden Eggs. In the end of this magical tale, however, all of the characters, including the goose, live happily ever after.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /oo/ sound spelled oo.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: myself

“Which Is Bluest?” Poem  
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 2 pages
Sky and Sea cannot agree on which of them is bluest. But are they both second to another?
Target Letter-Sound Correspondence: Long /oo/ sound spelled ue.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: comes, saw

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Flapjacks from Paul Bunyan’s Kitchen  
Compiled and retold by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 21 pages
An adaptation of a larger-than-life tall tale about the lumberjack Paul Bunyan, his blue ox, Babe, and the day the logging camp cook has to keep up with Paul’s request of flapjacks for lunch.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Short /oo/ and Long /oo/ sounds spelled oo.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: (none)

True Bugs  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • 24 pages
A description of the three characteristics required for an insect to be classified as a true bug.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: ways
Bon-Bon the Downtown Cow  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 47 pages
Bon-Bon is sad because she wants to be a singer and a star. A friend plans a talent contest to make Bon-Bon’s dream come true.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Diphthong /o—u/ sound spelled ou, ow.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Word: lights

Sonoran Desert Seasons  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • Illustrated by Carol Vredenburgh • 28 pages
A description of the seasons of summer, fall, winter, and spring in the Sonoran Desert, with a focus on animal and plant life.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Variant vowel /ô/ sound spelled au, aw.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: find, looking

Margaret Strong, Toy Collector  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith and Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Preston Neel • 22 pages
An introduction to the hobby of collecting. The story is told through the life of Margaret Strong, who developed such a collection of toys that it is now housed in a museum!
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Diphthong /oi/ sound spelled oi, oy.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: house, houses

Planets, Asteroids, and Our Solar System  
Written by Laura Appleton-Smith • 34 pages
A description of our solar system and its extensive contents, with a focus on each of the eight planets and the dwarf planet, Pluto.
Rearranged variant sound consolidation: /o—u/ sound spelled ou, ow, /ô/ sound spelled au, aw, /oi/ sound spelled oi, oy.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: give, laughed, lives

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Reading Series Three: Advanced Letter-Sound Correspondences

Poetry Anthology 1
Head to a Pleasant Spot and Other Poems to Remember  
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 14 pages
A collection of eight poems that bring the reader alongside reindeer traveling over quiet, craggy peaks, and to a colorful brunch with a hungry (and very particular) pig and her friends.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Long /a¯/ sound spelled ea, ei, ey, eigh; Long /e¯/ sound spelled ey, ei; Short /e/ sound spelled ea; Short /o/ sound spelled a.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: give, laughed, lives

Poetry Anthology 2
Cousin Trouble and Other Poems to Remember  
Written by Susan Blackaby • Illustrated by Meg McLean • 18 pages
A collection of twelve poems starring a circus bear, a birthday mouse, and a raspy toucan. This anthology offers a variety of poetry styles, including acrostic, couplet, and concrete.
Target Letter-Sound Correspondences: Short /u/ sound spelled a; Short /oo/ sound spelled u, ou; Short /u/ sound spelled ou, oo; /aw/ sound spelled augh, ough; Long /oo/ sound spelled ou, ui; /s/ sound spelled st; /m/ sound spelled mm; /r/ sound spelled rh; /s/ sound spelled ps.
New High-Frequency Puzzle Words: fours, today