Reading Week 2014 Resources: Booklist

There are many more books that could be incorporated into this list. The National Science Teachers Association and the Children’s Book Council publish a yearly list of outstanding science trade books. These lists are available at www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/. Also, be sure to visit TeachingBooks.net’s website at www.teachingbooks.net/cslp for author interviews, discussion guides, and other resources related to books.

Blair, Beth. The Everything Kids’ Gross Mazes Book: Wind Your Way through Hours of Twisted Turns, Sick Shortcuts, and Disgusting Detours! Adams Media, 2006. 144 p. (978-1593376161, pap.) Int. Featuring lots of putrid green and gross text, this title offers reproducible mazes cleverly designed to explore all that’s gross about our bodies, food, ailments, stomach-turning jobs, and more.


Breen, Mark and Kathleen Friestad. The Kids’ Book of Weather Forecasting. Ideals, 2008. 144 p. (978-0824968236, pap.) Pri, Int. Chapters on the atmosphere, sun, wind, water, clouds, etc. are divided into brief, amply illustrated “info bites” that include basic concepts, vocabulary sidebars, experiments and activities, forecasting tips, weather lore, and a glimpse into a meteorologist’s life.


DePaola, Tomie. The Popcorn Book. Holiday House, 1998. 32 p. (978-0823405336, pap.) Pri. Tony makes popcorn while his scholarly twin Tiny reads about it. Between them, they give readers a fun look at the history and science of popcorn, as well as popcorn in folklore and tips for storing and preparing it. Delicious!
Frazee, Marla. **Roller Coaster.** Harcourt, 2003. 32 p. (978-0152045548) Pre, Pri. Frazee takes you along with a crowd of eager or apprehensive thrill seekers as they ride a roller coaster. Reactions vary, but a rollicking good time is had by all.

Mackill, Mary. **Special Animal Senses.** Heinemann-Raintree, 2005. 24 p. (978-1403473783) Pri. Large color photos and controlled vocabulary introduce animals with super-sized versions of our five senses, along with additional fascinating abilities like a homing sense. Also available in Spanish as **Los sentidos especiales de los animales** (978-1403482709)

Markovics, Joyce. **Blitzed by a Blizzard!** Bearport Publishing, 2010. 32 p.(978-1936087549, lib. bdg.) Int. Another title in the Disaster Survivors series, this presents a brief overview of blizzard science, history, forecasting, and safety, never straying far from dramatic, real-life stories.

Miller, Connie Colwell. **Disgusting Animals.** Capstone Press, 2007. 32 p. (978-0736867979, lib. bdg.) Int. "Grosso-Meters" on each spread rate eleven truly disgusting animal behaviors. Consider the hagfish, which squeezes inside a dead animal and eats its way out! Whether young readers cheer or groan, the appeal is undeniable. No real science, but students might be inspired to learn how these gross behaviors help animals survive.

Morlock, Lisa. **Track That Scat!** Sleeping Bear Press, 2012. 32 p. (978-1585365364) Pri, Int. Rhyming text and oversized illustrations tell the story of new boots being broken in by a close association with lots of scat on their owner’s walk in the woods, while smaller font describes the animals encountered along the way.

Nankivell-Aston, Sally and Dorothy Jackson. **Science Experiments with Simple Machines.** Turtleback, 2000. 32 p. (978-0613507318, lib. bdg.) Pri, Int. Nicely designed with lots of color, sidebars, and photos, this title details twelve hands-on projects that explore simple machines and their uses in everyday life. A fun project for the Simple Machines program is a simple, belt-driven Merry-Go-Round, instructions on pages 18-19.

Prince, April Jones. **What Do Wheels Do All Day?** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. 32 p. (978-0618563074) Pre, Pri. This oversized picture book uses minimal text and big, paper collage illustrations to celebrate the many ways wheels help us every day, with a focus on transportation. Also available in a bilingual edition as **Que hacen las ruedas todo el dia?/What Do Wheels Do All Day?** (978-0547996257, board bk.)

Raczka, Bob. **More Than Meets the Eye: Seeing Art with All Five Senses.** Millbrook Press, 2003. 32 p. (978-0761319948, pap.) Pri, Int. In an innovative approach to art appreciation, Raczka pairs famous paintings with simple rhyming text that suggests sensory experiences to involve even very young students with the art.

Solheim, James. **It's Disgusting and We Ate It! True Food Facts from around the World and throughout History.** Aladdin, 2001. 48 p. (978-0689843938, pap.) Pri, Int. Three
delightfully disgusting chapters survey food habits here and there, past and present, which demonstrate how much “it’s a matter of taste.”

