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## CHIRP EDITORIAL CALENDAR

MONTH	THEME	TOPICS	CURRICULUM LINKS
APRIL 2011	HAIRY	See a dog get a haircut; pattern puzzles; opposite puzzle; maze; action poem; cut-out caterpillars; logic puzzle; make a tissue paper wig; meet the porcupine; learn a Norwegian word	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Oral Language <b>Science</b> – Life systems, Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
MAY 2011	BUILDING	Learn how a skyscraper is built; learn about animal homes; castle maze; action poem; build a house for Chirp; tool puzzle; make a box building; learn about the woodpecker; Chirp builds a fort; read story about building blocks; learn Hindi words and visit the Taj Mahal	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Oral Language <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Social Studies</b> – Community
JUNE 2011	GARDEN	Meet garden helpers like frogs, worms, bees; community garden puzzles; snail board game; grow a tomato plant; scavenger hunt; sing a garden song with actions; maze; learn Japanese words; dot-to-dot, visit a farmer's market	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Oral Language <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Social Studies</b> – Community
SUMMER 2011	SUMMER FUN	Logic Puzzles; learn how a kite flies; make a toy kite; make cupcakes; make a shark hat; learn about the seagull; Amazon puzzle; learn Portuguese vocabulary	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading <b>Social Studies</b> – Culture <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
SEPTEMBER 2011	MUSIC	Visit an orchestra; instruments memory game; story; make a guitar; action song & dance; cricket; mariachi puzzle/learn Spanish words	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Oral Language <b>Performing Arts</b> – Music; Dance <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
OCTOBER 2011	CATS	Cat paws up close; puzzles; cat party – make a mask, cupcakes, game; cheetah; savannah puzzle/learn Swahili words	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Oral Language <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating



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APRIL 2011	SILLY STUFF	April Fools pranks around the world; laughing hyena; science of laughter; painting hands into silly animals; silly poems	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding Informational Text, poetry <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
MAY 2011	MONEY	How collector coins are made; four birds featured on coins; five tips on how to earn money; quiz about money-saving style	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text, Financial literacy <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
JUNE 2011	FRIENDSHIP	Unlikely animal friendships; body science; friendship bracelet crafts; pull-out yearbook	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text <b>Science</b> – Structure and Function, Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
SUMMER 2011	SUMMER FUN	Puzzles; animal quiz; mad lib story; caramel apple recipe; make a fern print shirt; jokes; cut-out book marks; summer reading club	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
SEPTEMBER 2011	GREEN	Environmental Q & A; how composting works; back to school “green” desk caddy craft; stick bug	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding informational text <b>Science</b> – Environment; Life Science/Plants & Animals; Force and Motion <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
OCTOBER 2011	MYTHOLOGY	A-Z compendium of mythical creatures; mythical creature costume pack; retelling of a Russian myth; how rainbows are formed	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Understanding Informational Text, Mythology <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating



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APRIL 2011	STAND-UP COMEDY 101	Stand-up comedy; Earth Day; Gulf oil spill; the science of hitting a home run; creative creature contest	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Environment, Systems, Physics, Kinetics
MAY 2011	HOW TO...	How to...(sports edition); Facebook debate; animal smarts; human-powered flight (ornithopter); haiku poetry	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Technology, Energy, Kinetics, Life Science/Animals
JUNE 2011	THE BIRTHDAY ISSUE	Ask OWL; 10 things you didn't know about water; make an owl birthday cake; OWL history board game; Dr. Zed science quiz	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Environment, Systems <b>Social Studies</b> – History
SUMMER 2011	ULTIMATE SUMMER	Puzzles; quizzes; hot summer reads; throw and catch a flying disc; ghost story generator; you-decide story; s'mores sundae recipe; tie-dye T-shirt	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Gastronomy <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating
SEPTEMBER 2011	GREEN	Solar power/solar farms; green school supplies; green hygiene tips; recently discovered deep-sea creatures; green photo contest	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Environment, Life Science/ Animals, Energy
OCTOBER 2011	SCARY STUFF	What's It Like... (scary edition); horror books for tweens; five things you didn't know about cockroaches; jack o' lantern tips	<b>Language Arts</b> – Reading, Writing/ Genres <b>Science</b> – Life Science/Animals <b>Visual Arts</b> – Creating