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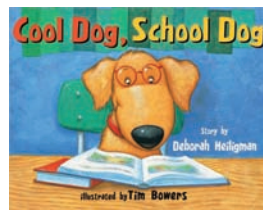
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Oklahoma Reads

Great Reads for All

Grades PreK-3

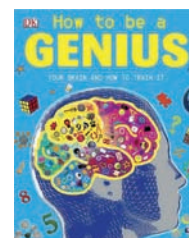
Cool Dog, School Dog
by Deborah Heiligman,
illustrated by Tim Bowers
(Marshall Cavendish Inc,
hardcover, \$15)



Any family suffering with the separation anxiety that comes with starting school will enjoy this book about a dog who misses his master when she goes off to school.

Grade 4 and up

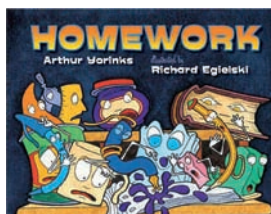
How to be a Genius
(DK Publishing,
softcover, \$19.99)



A fun look at how the brain functions, filled with illustrations and snappy text that will keep kids reading. Takes a serious and vast topic and makes it accessible with humor and visual form that informs and entertains. Includes activities and challenges to try.

Grades 1-3

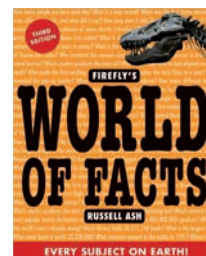
Homework
by Arthur Yorinks,
illustrated by Richard Egielski
(Walker & Company,
hardcover, \$13.59)



Haven't we all wished that our homework could magically get done all by itself? When Tony falls asleep, that's exactly what happens in this creative tale.

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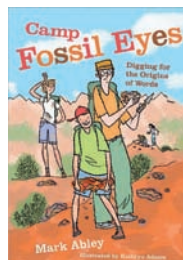
Firefly's World of Facts
by Russell Ash
(Firefly Books,
hardcover, \$29.95)



A compact encyclopedia with a little bit of something on everything. A great book to keep around to answer those never-ending questions about what makes the world work.

Grades 3-6

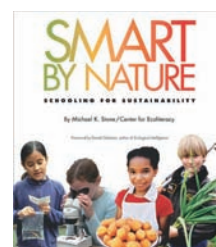
Camp Fossil Eyes
by Mark Abley, illustrated by Kathryn Adams
(Annick Press, softcover, \$19.95)



Where do words come from? Told through e-mails, the story of campers uncovering words and discovering how English words derive from more than 350 other languages.

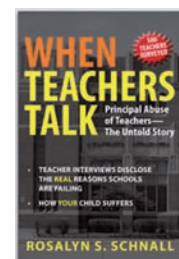
Books for Adults

Smart by Nature
by Michael K. Stone
(UC Press, softcover, \$24.95)



Green schools are quickly becoming the norm. How easy is it to create schools focused on environmentally conscious issues? This book answers that and more.

When Teachers Talk
by Rosalyn S. Schnall
(Goldenring Publishing,
softcover, \$21.95)



Author and retired teacher Rosalyn Schnall interviewed 500 teachers in the Chicago Public School System over a five-year period to uncover some of the problems in the system. Schnall provides a provocative peek into the world of Chicago teachers.

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