

Reading Connection

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Book Picks



■ **The Nora Notebooks: The Trouble with Ants**
(Claudia Mills)

Nora dreams of being a scientist like her parents. Her current fascination? Ants. When she's given a persuasive writing assignment in school, she decides to present scientific facts to convince others that ants are as interesting as she thinks they are.



■ **Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends**
(David Stabler)

Explore the childhoods of famous athletes like gymnast Gabby Douglas, basketball player Yao Ming, race car driver Danica Patrick, baseball player Babe Ruth, and others. Before they were world-renowned athletes, they were just kids who went to school and dealt with daily challenges—like your child does.



■ **The Time Machine** (H. G. Wells)
What will life be like in the future? In this classic science fiction novel, a man travels in a time machine. He discovers a society without disease, poverty, or war—but the people have also lost the qualities that make each person unique. (Also available in Spanish.)

■ **Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented** (Tanya Lee Stone)
Learn all about how one of the most famous and beloved board games was invented by Lizzie Magie in the 1800s. The history of Monopoly is told in this nonfiction book that includes a trivia section and Monopoly Math problems for readers to solve.



Nonfiction family fun

Biographies...science... history...nonfiction books not only give your youngster practical reasons to read, they're fun and interesting, too. Use these ideas to encourage her to enjoy and learn from nonfiction.



Explore art

Ask each family member to read a biography of a famous artist. Then, talk about the artists' lives and how they created their art. Each person can choose her favorite and do an art project based on that artist's style. If your child picks Georges Seurat, she can try *pointillism*—Seurat's technique of making entire pictures with tiny dots.

Discover nature

Field guides and other nature books have detailed photographs and descriptions of trees, birds, and flowers. They can introduce your youngster to new vocabulary and spark her interest in science. Plus, they'll get the whole family outdoors. You might find one at the

library and use it to identify plants and animals in your neighborhood.

Delve into history

Read about family trees in a book like *Climbing Your Family Tree* (Ira Wolfman). Gather photos and information from relatives (full names, dates and places of birth), and make your own family tree. Or pick a local landmark, such as a historic home or battlefield. Then, read about it in your library's local history section, or research it online. ■

Transition words

Writers use transition words to help readers move smoothly from one idea to the next. Show your child these ways to use them when he writes.

- **To indicate order:** *first, second, next, then, finally, last.* (First, Josie unlocked the door. Then, she opened it. Finally, she peeked inside.)
- **To compare ideas:** *like, unlike, however, instead, still, also.* (Unlike spiders, which have eight legs, bees have only six legs.)
- **To indicate cause and effect:** *because, since, as a result, therefore, so.* (Since it's getting late, we have to go to bed.) ■

