



Read & Connect Themes

1st – 3rd

A is for Automobiles:

Exploring the many aspects of travel through mapping activities and discovering points of interest in Michigan.

Sample Vocabulary: souvenir, map key

B is for Boxes:

Unwrap surprising facts about boxes and how we use them.

Sample Vocabulary: storage, display

F is for Fossils/R is for Rocks:

Uncover the mysteries of fossils as you learn about paleontology and Michigan's geological past.

Sample Vocabulary: geologist, trilobite

2-day Option (a more intense look at how fossil formation and mineral classification)

J is for Japan:

A look at unique Japanese cultural aspects such as design, poetry and ceremonial dress.

Sample Vocabulary: kimono, haiku

N is for Numismatics:

Money! A "valuable" look at how money is made, where it comes from, and how it is used.

Sample Vocabulary: numismatics, value

M is for Musical Instruments:

Students will explore the power of music and how it makes them feel and learn how to classify instruments.

Sample Vocabulary: strings, orchestra

Space:

Space - the final frontier - or is it? Learn about space travel, history, and how to turn your home computer into a planetarium.

Sample Vocabulary: constellation, solar system

2-day Option (a more intense study of the solar system)

U is for USA:

"Oh say can you see" - students examine the meaning behind many of America's symbols.

Sample Vocabulary: symbol, campaign

Z is for Zoology: Do you have what it takes to be a mammal? Could you survive in a rainforest habitat – or the desert? Let's find out!

Sample Vocabulary: mammal, invertebrate

2-day Option (learn about animal life cycles)

To schedule your Read & Connect session, please call the Grand Rapids Public Museum at 616.456.3977.