



Dream Something Big: The Story of the Watts Towers by Diana Hutts Aston and illustrated by Susan L. Roth, tells the inspiring story of Italian immigrant Simon Rodia and the hand-built creation that became a national landmark.

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John Steinbeck Festival begins 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Tip of the Month
 For students anxious about the first day of school, use books to ease their minds. Authors love to reassure students with welcoming stories and familiar characters. Go to www.readingrockets.org for a booklist.

Link of the Month
 For aspiring authors and illustrators, the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers is a terrific site, featuring outstanding portfolios, scholarship information, and blogs. Go to www.artandwriting.org

Activity of the Month
 Use the buddy system to pair older students with young readers. Give them opportunities to read aloud or even create their own stories and books and watch the love of reading grow.

AUGUST DATES
 ▶ August 5-7 John Steinbeck Festival
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