The Story About Ping
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five in a row volume 1
The Five in a Row Fold-And-Learn® products are so much more than a traditional lapbook. Each one has been lovingly created to perfectly accompany your beloved Five in a Row® manuals. We encourage you to "build" the Fold-And-Learn® as you're rowing through the week. Start by putting together your folder and then add in the components for each subject area as you study them -- 5 days in a row -- the same way your manual and planner are organized!

For example: on Monday, as you're exploring Madeline and discussing the Social Studies lessons for that book, your Fold-And-Learn® will have several beautiful and complimentary components directly related to the lessons! A map of France, a map of Paris, a description & photo of the Eiffel tower, etc...ALL of the lessons Jane Claire spent so much love and attention in writing, will now be taken beyond the pages of the manual and story disk -- translated into something your child can treasure and review again and again!

The book-based Fold-And-Learn® products will contain components for Social Studies, Science, Language Arts, Applied Math and Science. Together, you'll be able to enjoy the lessons in Five in a Row® AND create something beautiful and memorable together you'll be proud to show to friends, family or anyone who would enjoy seeing what your child has been learning throughout the year.
Ducks are birds. They are also called "waterfowl" because they normally live near ponds, streams and rivers. Ducks are related to geese and swans and are the smallest of the waterfowl. Ducks also have shorter necks and wings than other waterfowl and a stout body. They can live from 2-12 years, depending on species.

Ducks have webbed feet, designed for swimming. Their feet work like paddles. A duck waddles instead of walking because of its webbed feet. Duck's feet don't feel the cold water because their feet don't have nerves or blood vessels.

Do some duck detective work and visit the web link below.

http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/KidsFarm/InTheBarn/Ducks/default.cfm

Then use the space provided to record something new you learned about ducks.

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PEKIN DUCK
Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Aves
Order: Anseriformes
Family: Anatidae
Genus: Anas
Species: Domesticus
Even though The Story About Ping is fiction [a made up story] the river where Ping lives is a real River in China. Read more about the Yangtze River below.

The Yangtze River (or, "Changjiang" in Chinese, literally, the "long river"), is the longest river in China, running 6,300 kilometers (3915 miles). It is also the third longest river in the world. Its basin, extending for some 2,000 miles from west to east and for more than 600 miles from north to south, drains a huge area in South China. The Yangtze also carries more water than any other river in China.

Use the table below to compare the length of the Yangtze River with distances between familiar places as Jane suggests on page 12 in your manual. When completed, cut and paste this table into your Fold and Learn.

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Literary Terms for *The Story About Ping*

**Classic Story** - A classic story is one that stands the test of time.

**Fiction** - A book that is fictional may have parts that are true, but it is considered a work of the author's imagination.

**Repetition** - Repetition is a literary device used to build familiarity in stories. Many of the best loved children's books use repetition. Can you and your student think of some?

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**Chinese Culture-Then and Now**

The photos below were taken on a trip to China in October of 2008! The people in the photo are [I think maybe a mother and a daughter] were playing in a local park. Although *The Story About Ping* was written many years ago, there are still many parts of Chinese culture that are the same. Can you pick out something to wear from the picture[s] below that you saw in the book? Can you find something in the photos that is similar to what you would wear?
There are many different kinds of ducks. These are just a few. If your student is interested in finding more varieties, visit the Ducks Unlimited website where you can hear the quacks of all different kinds of ducks!

Use the frame below to practice one of the art lessons from pages 14 and 15 of your manual. Place your completed lesson in your fold and learn to keep.

LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS

* Background is the area of the picture that is behind most of the objects in the picture.

* Foreground is the area of a picture that appears to be the closest to the viewer.

* Horizon line is the imaginary line that divide is the sky and the ground.

* Middleground is the area of the picture that is farther away from the foreground and closer to the background. (Between the back and fore)
Use the worksheet below to play the Sink or Float game to discuss the lesson on buoyancy on page 16 of your manual. **Choose 5 objects to use in the experiment.** Try to predict whether they will sink or float, and then record your predictions and the results. Place the completed experiment in your Fold and Learn.

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CHINA FACTS:
China is the third largest country in the World, just behind Russia and Canada. The population of China is over 1.2 billion people. This is about one-fifth of the world's population.

And about one fifth of the population of China live in the urban areas. The main industry in China is farming. China is a very diverse land including deserts, mountains and fertile river basins.

Rivers also play a major role in China, both for transportation and for irrigation. Much of the northern wheat fields and southern rice fields are irrigated from rivers.

*A blank map of China to color for your fold and learn.*
The Great Wall of China was built over 2,500 years ago to protect against invaders from the north. Troops would patrol the wall to defend China against attack. Once over 6,000 miles long, the wall is now about 3,750 miles long.

Time for Kids has a great website about China for kids.
http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/teachers/aw/wr/main/0,28132,536982,00.html

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