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## **A New Fall Line-Up**

### **Sylvan Dell releases five new titles for the Fall!**

**MT. PLEASANT, SC (June 1, 2010)** – Continuing in its mission to educate children in Science and Math through literature, **Sylvan Dell** will release five educational children’s picture books August 10, 2010. This diverse set of fall titles will take readers from the top of a mountain to the open sea. Each title, like every Sylvan Dell book, teaches a lesson in science or math.

- **“Astro: The Steller Sea Lion,”** written by **Jeanne Walker Harvey** and illustrated by **Shennen Bersani**, follows an orphaned sea lion’s journey across the country. Astro, only a few days old when found, is cared for and raised by the Marine Mammal Center. When big enough to be released, The Marine Mammal Center attempts to release him back into the wild. Astro, however, has other plans! Based on real events, the story takes the reader from the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California to Astro’s current home at the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut. Jeanne lives in Marin County, California and Shennen lives near Boston, Massachusetts.
- **“Champ’s Story: Dogs Get Cancer Too!,”** will help children facing cancer—whether their own, a family member’s, a friend’s, or even a pet’s—understand this disease. A young boy learns that his dog, Champ, has cancer. While Champ undergoes the same types of treatments and many of the same reactions as a human under similar circumstances, his young owner becomes a loving caretaker. Medical writer and award-winning children’s author, **Sherry North**, with the help of illustrator **Kathleen Reitz**, artfully weaves the serious subject into an empathetic story that even young children can understand. Sherry is a resident of Florida and Kathleen lives in Illinois.
- **“A Day on the Mountain”-** Come spend **A Day on the Mountain!** This book is the follow up to **Kevin Kurtz’s** award-winning first book, **A Day in the Salt Marsh**. Vibrant illustrations by **Erin Hunter** and rhyming verse take readers up a mountain, from the forested bottom to the snow-covered top. While climbing, they witness the changing habitats, and meet the plants and animals that live there. Kevin recently moved back to Charleston, South Carolina after spending two years in Oregon. Erin lives on California’s Monterey Peninsula.
- In **“Fur and Feathers”**, the award-winning team of author, **Janet Halfmann**, and illustrator, **Laurie Allen Klein**, (*Little Skink’s Tail*) reunite to bring animal coverings (and classification) to life in an imaginative way. Sophia dreams that howling winds whisk the fur and feathers right off her animal friends. Animals line up to explain what they need and why. Polar Bear needs white fur to stay warm and hide in the snow. Fish needs scales, but with slime. Read **Fur and Feathers** to find out how Sophia makes a prickly coat for Porcupine! Janet is a Wisconsin resident and Laurie resides in Florida.

- The release of “**Ready, Set...WAIT!**” is just in time for what **NOAA** has said could be one of the more active hurricane seasons on record. When preparing for a hurricane, humans watch the news, board up windows and gather supplies. We might huddle in our homes or go inland to wait for the storm. But what do wild animals do? This book explains how nine animals sense, react, and prepare for a hurricane. Based on research or observations, author **Patti Zelch** explains the brief portraits in simple, poetic language. Connie McLennan’s captivating illustrations will hold every child’s attention. Patty splits her time between Florida and North Carolina and Connie is a year round California resident.

These titles, as well as all other **Sylvan Dell** titles, feature a special “For Creative Minds” section at the end of each story. This section provides fun activities and information to enhance the book’s educational value.

What really makes these books unique is the tremendous amount of free, online educational material available for each Sylvan Dell title. Supporting material includes a 30-40 page “Teaching Activities” packet, interactive reading and math quizzes, e-Books and much more. Sylvan Dell offers all schools, public libraries and homeschool associations one year, free access to all 55 of its eBooks through its School Resource Grant Program. For more information visit [www.SylvanDellPublishing.com](http://www.SylvanDellPublishing.com)

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