

# CryptoMania! Teleporting into Greek and Latin with the CryptoKids

## Week 1—Building Blocks, Front Pages

CryptoKid	Microcyanosaurus	dinosaur
	Logoscope	Teleporter
CryptoKid <b>crypto</b> = hidden, secret kid = young person who hunts for answers—you!	Microcyanosaurus <b>micro-</b> = small <b>cyano-</b> = blue <b>saurus</b> = lizard	dinosaur <b>dino</b> = terrible <b>saur</b> = lizard  Logoscope <b>logo</b> = word <b>scop</b> = look at  Teleporter <b>tele-</b> = far <b>port</b> = carry

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### Digging In

Salve, Teachers! ("SAHL way," greetings!)

Enjoy this introductory week. Show students how TPR (Total Physical Response) works—make up motions for these words parts. For example,

Micro - hold an imaginary tiny object in your fingers

Scop - cup hands around eyes to form binoculars

Explore words related to these roots. Start a class etymology in a three-ring notebook with words like these:

**Crypto-** cryptography, cryptogram, cryptographer, crypt, cryptic

**micro-** microscope, microchip, microbe, microorganism, microwave

**tele-** telegram, telegraph, telescope, telemetry, telephoto lens, television \*

\* *Wow. A word that's a combo of Greek and Latin!*

Find "log" in English words: eulogy and dialogue, for example.

**Dig for the meaning of cryptozoology.**  
(or have students find related words)