Roanoke Island is bordered by North Carolina’s Outer Banks, which is a string of barrier islands. Virginia Dare, the first of wooden furniture, tobacco goods and tobacco.

The Lost Colony
Roanoke Island was the name of an English settlement established in 1587 that disappeared. A group of nearly 120 people sailed by ship from England to America early in 1587. Once the colonists got to North Carolina, they were faced with harsh conditions. There was very little food, and the only other people were local tribes, which they often clashed with. The colonists soon realized they were not prepared to survive, so a man named John White returned to England for assistance.

When he went back to the island three years later, everyone had vanished. The settlement had been abandoned. The only clues left by the settlers on Roanoke Island were the word “Croatoan” carved into a fence post and the word “Cro” carved into a tree. The colonists were never heard from again. What happened to them is still a mystery.

On the Web:
• youtube.be/eklTfYMoOY

At the library: “North Carolina: What’s So Great About This State?” by Kate Boehm Jerome
• Raleigh and the State of North Carolina” by Kate Boehm Jerome

Mini Jokes
Noelle: Who was the penguin’s favorite relative?
Noah: Aunt Arctic!

Eco Note
New research finds that Antarctica is probably warming at twice the rate as the rest of the world, and much more rapidly than predicted by climate change models. By looking at 78 ice-core samples across the continent, which reveal climate details as far back as 1,000 years, researchers determined that the current warming is much greater than could be expected by natural variations. This could have dire consequences for coastal communities worldwide due to the potential of much higher sea level rises from a melting Antarctica than currently projected.

For later: Look in the newspaper for articles that include North Carolina.

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