



Use the different sections of this letter to begin conversations with your child about what he or she is learning.

Big Idea: Why do we go to school?

Ask your child how this week's reading selections help him or her answer this question.

This week's reading selections:

The Little School Bus

Summary: In this rhyming fiction story, several animals are picked up by the school bus on the way to school. They go to school, and then they get back on the bus for the ride home.

Essential Questions: Have you ever ridden in a school bus? What did you like about it?

► **DISCUSS** with your child different ways children get to school.

What Will I Be?

Summary: Children are introduced to several jobs, which are organized by specific skills or interests they may have.

Essential Question: What type of job would you like to have someday?

► **ASK** your child what job he or she would like to have one day and why.

Vocabulary

Focus: The words below appear in this week's reading selections.

active	<i>adjective</i>	able to move and have physical energy
create	<i>verb</i>	to make
during	<i>preposition</i>	at the time of something else
explore	<i>verb</i>	to look at something closely to learn more about it
knowledge	<i>noun</i>	what you have learned
manage	<i>verb</i>	to take care of and make decisions about
squirm	<i>verb</i>	to twist and wiggle in one spot
when	<i>adverb</i>	at what time

► **ADD** the vocabulary words to discussions about the selections and school.

Phonics

Focus: Your child will learn the following sounds and spellings: /p/ spelled *p*; /l/ spelled *l*, *ll*; /o/ spelled *o*; and /b/ spelled *b*.

► **HAVE** your child write a word that contains each new sound and spelling.

High-Frequency Words: Have your child review and practice reading the following words: at has

Language Arts

Writing: Your child will finish their autobiographies by completing the revising, editing, and publishing steps of the writing process.

Grammar: Your child will learn what singular and plural nouns are and how to form plural nouns.

► **ASK** your child to name three singular nouns and their corresponding plural forms.