



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

Big Idea: What do we gain by persevering?

Ask your child how this week's reading selection helps him or her answer this question.

This week's reading selection: *One Small Step*

Summary: After nearly a decade of work, thousands of engineers at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully landed a person on the moon. It was a monumental achievement, but it was not without significant setbacks.

► **DISCUSS** with your child how working with a supportive team can make it easier to persevere.

Vocabulary Encourage your child to use these words while discussing the reading selection.

onboard	<i>adjective</i>	located on or possessed by a vehicle or machine
glitches	<i>noun</i>	problems with a computer that prevent normal operation
descending	<i>verb</i>	moving downward from a higher place
ventures	<i>noun</i>	risky tasks
rendezvoused	<i>verb</i>	met at a specified time or place
fatigue	<i>noun</i>	a state of being tired
resounding	<i>adjective</i>	notable; obvious
esteemed	<i>adjective</i>	respected; appreciated
thrusters	<i>noun</i>	rocket engines on a spacecraft used to change the direction of movement
capsule	<i>noun</i>	an enclosed compartment used for carrying something
awry	<i>adjective</i>	different than expected
magnitude	<i>noun</i>	enormous size or greatness

Spelling Practice these words with your child.

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| 1. abundance | 8. fragrance | 15. magnetize |
| 2. authorize | 9. harmonize | 16. organize |
| 3. criticize | 10. hypnotize | 17. preference |
| 4. elegance | 11. ignorance | 18. reference |
| 5. emphasize | 12. inheritance | 19. specialize |
| 6. evidence | 13. insurance | 20. sterilize |
| 7. existence | 14. legalize | |

Challenge

1. characterize 2. correspondence 3. mesmerize

Language Arts

Writing: Your child will work with a partner to brainstorm opinions related to a chosen topic. Then they will draft, revise, edit, and publish an opinion essay.

Grammar: Your child will learn about, identify, and use adjectives and adverbs.

► **ASK** your child to give an opinion about his or her favorite animal. Tell them to give reasons to support his or her opinion.