



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

Big Idea: What places make up a community?

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

This week's reading selections: *Places in Our Community*

Summary: Maps of a community, state, country, and world are presented and described.

Essential Question: What kinds of places can you find on a map?

► **DISCUSS** with your child some of the places in your community that your family likes to visit. If available, locate these places on a map.

Sam's Map

Summary: Sam makes a map of her community so she can use it to give a tour to her cousins.

Essential Question: How does Sam use a community map? How does it help her?

► **HELP** your child draw a map of your community.

Vocabulary

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

arrive	verb	to come to a place
borders	verb	to be next to
borrow	verb	to take something that belongs to someone else for a period of time
compass	noun	a device that shows direction
practice	verb	to do something over again and again to become better at it
sketched	verb	made a quick drawing that shows the important parts
symbols	noun	pictures or letters that are used to mean something else
visit	verb	to go and spend time with someone

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

Phonics

Focus: Your child will learn the following sounds and spellings: /ō/ spelled *o*, *o_e*; /ū/ spelled *u*, *u_e*.

► **HAVE** your child find words that contain these sound/spellings in children's books or magazines. Help your child read the words as needed.

High-Frequency Words: Have your child practice reading the word *over*.

Language Arts

Writing: Your child will prewrite and draft a persuasive poster.

Grammar: Your child will capitalize the days of the week and months of the year and correctly use commas in dates (Sunday, January 1, 2017).

► **ASK** your child to write today's date, including the day of the week, the month, the day of the month, and the year.