



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

Big Idea: How is science put into action?

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

This week's reading selection: *Godspeed, John Glenn*

Summary: John Glenn began his career as a fighter pilot. When America entered the "space race," Glenn volunteered to be an astronaut. He trained for months to be the first person to fly a spacecraft in Earth's orbit. Later, Glenn became a US senator but then went back into space on a space shuttle.

► **DISCUSS** with your child how scientists build on previous discoveries.

Vocabulary Read aloud a definition, and ask your child to identify the correct vocabulary word.

degree	<i>noun</i>	a title given by a school or college to a student who has finished a course of study
citation	<i>noun</i>	a formal public statement that praises a person for doing something good or brave
experimental	<i>adjective</i>	from or relating to experiments
ultimately	<i>adverb</i>	in the end
due to	<i>adjective phrase</i>	because of
conducted	<i>verb</i>	controlled or managed
tuned in	<i>verb phrase</i>	listened to or viewed a radio or television program
material	<i>noun</i>	what something is made of or used for
malfunction	<i>noun</i>	a failure to function or work correctly
quest	<i>noun</i>	a search or pursuit

Spelling Practice these words with your child.

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| 1. addresses | 8. fireflies | 15. strawberries |
| 2. avocados | 9. journeys | 16. supplies |
| 3. beliefs | 10. kidneys | 17. thieves |
| 4. calves | 11. monkeys | 18. toolboxes |
| 5. computers | 12. pianos | 19. volcanoes |
| 6. earthquakes | 13. potatoes | 20. watches |
| 7. eyelashes | 14. scarves | |

Challenge

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| 1. sopranos | 2. responsibilities | 3. echoes |
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Language Arts

Writing: Your child will use writer's goals to revise his or her informational writing. Then he or she will plan a visual element to include when publishing.

Grammar: Your child will learn about simple sentences, sentence types, and end punctuation.

► **ASK** your child to turn an original sentence into each of the four types of sentences: declarative, exclamatory, interrogative, and imperative.