



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

Big Idea: What is a cycle?

There is one Big Idea question for every three weeks of instruction. Your child should think about the ways each reading selection can answer this question.

This week's reading selection: *Time Is When*

Summary: Measurements of time include seconds, minutes, hours, seasons, and years.

Essential Question: What measurements of time can you think of?

▶ **ASK** your child how many years old he or she is. Then discuss how we measure years.

Vocabulary

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

ahead	<i>adverb</i>	into the future
before	<i>adverb</i>	at an earlier time
bloom	<i>verb</i>	to grow and produce flowers
calendar	<i>noun</i>	a chart showing the days, weeks, and months of a year
hour	<i>noun</i>	one of 24 equal parts of the day
midnight	<i>noun</i>	the middle of night, specifically 12 o'clock
season	<i>noun</i>	one of the four quarters into which the year is divided
through	<i>preposition</i>	by means of

▶ **ADD** the vocabulary words to your conversations at home.

Phonics

Focus: Your child will learn the following sounds and spellings: /ks/ spelled **x**, /e/ spelled *e*, /ed/ spelled *-ed*, /d/ spelled *-ed*, and /t/ spelled *-ed*.

Words to practice blending with your child include *ax*, *six*, *text*, *melted*, *spelled*, and *hopped*.

▶ **HAVE** your child identify objects at home that have these sounds and spellings.

High-Frequency Words: Have your child review and practice reading the following words: *down*, *help*, *its*, *red*, *six*.

Language Arts

Writing: Your child will complete each step of the writing process (prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and presenting) as he or she writes a description of an object in the classroom.

Grammar: Your child will learn to identify and write simple sentences using a subject and verb and capitalizing the first word. (*The dog buried its bone.*)

▶ **HELP** your child write two sentences about something in your home.