



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: *Queen of the Track*

Summary: Alice Coachman took to running and jumping at an early age. Despite her natural ability, she still confronted many setbacks as an African American woman in the early twentieth century. She persevered, and in the summer of 1948, she became the first African American woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

► **DISCUSS** with your child how persevering to overcome challenges can make him or her a better person.

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

vaulted	<i>verb</i>	leaped over something with the aid of one's hands
relays	<i>noun</i>	races between two or more groups of people
rescue worker	<i>noun</i>	a person who assists after a disaster has occurred
athletics	<i>noun</i>	physical games or sports
tuition	<i>noun</i>	the cost of attending a school or institution
campus	<i>noun</i>	the property of a university or college
toll	<i>noun</i>	a cost associated with an event
hardships	<i>noun</i>	challenging obstacles
proclaimed	<i>verb</i>	officially announced
clear	<i>verb</i>	to get over or beyond something
dainty	<i>adjective</i>	characterized by a delicate disposition and an attention to good manners
segregation	<i>noun</i>	the separation of people based on race
anonymous	<i>adjective</i>	not identified as coming from a specific person

Spelling Practice these words with your child.

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| 1. allocate | 8. inflection | 15. phonograph |
| 2. cyclist | 9. locale | 16. reflection |
| 3. cyclops | 10. location | 17. reflector |
| 4. deflect | 11. locomotive | 18. saxophone |
| 5. dislocate | 12. motorcycle | 19. unicycle |
| 6. encyclopedia | 13. phonetic | 20. xylophone |
| 7. genuflect | 14. phonics | |

Challenge

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| 1. antireflective | 2. cyclical | 3. echolocation |
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Language Arts

Writing: Your child will follow the steps of the writing process to complete his or her opinion essay, focusing on presenting the supporting reasons in a logical order.

Grammar: Your child will learn about verbs and verb phrases, focusing on action and state-of-being verbs.

► **ASK** your child to describe his or her day. Tell your child to use action verbs and phrases in the description.