



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

**Big Idea:** What does it take to be a good friend?

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

### This week's reading selections: *My Two Best Friends*

**Summary:** When Trung's two best friends insist he choose one best friend, Trung figures out a way for everyone to be happy.

**Essential Question:** How can you be a good friend to more than one person at a time?

► **DISCUSS** with your child ways three or more children can play together.

### *Friends Find Solutions*

**Summary:** This selection presents three situations that show how friends can resolve their disagreements.

**Essential Question:** How would you resolve a disagreement with a friend?

► **DISCUSS** with your child a disagreement he or she has had with a friend. Ask your child to tell how the disagreement was resolved.

### Vocabulary

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

company	noun	companionship; friendship
disagree	verb	to have a different opinion
glanced	verb	looked at something quickly
lend	verb	to give something to somebody to be used for a period of time
situations	noun	descriptions of what could happen
solution	noun	an answer to a problem
suggests	verb	gives an idea
tough	adjective	very difficult to do or deal with

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

### Phonics

**Focus:** Your child will learn the following sounds and spellings: /f/ spelled *f, ff*; /s/ spelled *ss*; /g/ spelled *g*; and /j/ spelled *j*.

► **HAVE** your child name a word that contains each sound/spelling. Then have him or her use each word in a sentence.

### Language Arts

**Writing:** Your child will begin writing a narrative about an event that happens at school by prewriting and drafting.

**Grammar:** Your child will learn that a possessive noun shows ownership (the dog's leash).

► **ASK** your child to identify three things at home and tell who owns each one.