



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

Big Idea: Why is art an important part of our lives?

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

This week's reading selection: *The Storyteller*

Summary: A group of rowdy children are less than impressed with their aunt's attempt to quiet them with an entertaining story. Fortunately for them, a stranger nearby has just the story the children are looking for: a story about a charming young girl and her attempt to escape from a terrifying wolf.

► **DISCUSS** with your child his or her favorite story. What makes it a good story?

Vocabulary Encourage your child to use these words while discussing the reading selection.

correspondingly	<i>adverb</i>	characterized by being similar or matching
humid	<i>adjective</i>	having humidity; damp; moist
bachelor	<i>noun</i>	a man who has not married
compartment	<i>noun</i>	a separate division of an area used for storing objects
inevitable	<i>adjective</i>	not able to be avoided; bound to happen
scowl	<i>noun</i>	an angry frown
listlessly	<i>adverb</i>	in a way that lacks energy
petulant	<i>adjective</i>	irritable or crabby
dreadfully	<i>adverb</i>	causing great fear or apprehension
novelty	<i>noun</i>	something that is new or unusual
punctuality	<i>noun</i>	the state of being on time
admiration	<i>noun</i>	a feeling of approval or respect
ferocity	<i>noun</i>	the quality of being ferocious; savage; fierce
pinafore	<i>noun</i>	a sleeveless dress worn like an apron over other clothing
morsel	<i>noun</i>	a small bite of food or piece of something
assail	<i>verb</i>	to attack strongly

Spelling Practice these words with your child.

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| 1. abbreviation | 8. numerical | 15. spectator |
| 2. composition | 9. persistent | 16. speculate |
| 3. energetic | 10. photographer | 17. terrain |
| 4. essential | 11. professional | 18. territorial |
| 5. exception | 12. sensitivity | 19. tolerant |
| 6. geologist | 13. similarity | 20. year-round |
| 7. get-together | 14. simulator | |

Challenge

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| 1. centennial | 2. practicality | 3. subterranean |
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Language Arts

Writing: Your child will revise, edit, publish, and present his or her historical fiction writing.

Grammar: Your child will review capitalization, sentence types, conjunctions, and commas.

► **HAVE** your child practice presenting his or her historical fiction writing to you. Remind your child to speak at an appropriate volume and to maintain eye contact.