Dear Family, Your child is learning to use a dictionary.

A dictionary is a book of words. The words are in ABC order. A dictionary tells how to say words and what the words mean.

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**Halloween**
- a holiday celebrated on October 31.
- observed by dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating

**Hamburger**
- 1. a sandwich made of a ground beef patty in a round bun;
- 2. ground beef

**Hamster**
- a small, furry rodent

**Hay**
- a small cloth children use for blowing the nose or wiping the eyes

**Handkerchief**
- a good feeling; the opposite of sad

**Happy**
- grass that is dried;
- can be fed to cows and horses

Halloween - a holiday

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- Use the index to answer the questions:

1. Could the word *heart* be on this dictionary page? ____________________________

2. What does the word *happy* mean? ____________________________

3. Halloween is always on what day of the year? ____________________________

4. What are the two meanings for the word *hamburger*? ____________________________ ____________________________

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Dear Family, Your child is learning how to use an encyclopedia.

An encyclopedia is a book of information. Usually, the information is in a set of books. The information is put in ABC order. Each book is called a volume.

1. Which volume (vol.) has information on airplanes? ______

2. Which volume has information on cats? ________________

3. Which volume has information on Ohio? ________________

4. Which volume has information on sugar? ________________

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3/Demonstrates Familiarity with Different Types of Text/2
There are many kinds of books to read. Poetry books contain **poems**. Poems use language in a special way. Poems look and sound different from other writing. Some poetry has rhyming or repeating sounds.

- Choose a **poetry** book from home, school, or the library.
- Copy a **poem** from the book or write one of your own.

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Dear Family, Your child is learning about a special kind of writing called poetry.

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There are many kinds of books to read. A biography is a book that tells the true story of a person’s life, written by another person. A biography can be about someone who is living now or who lived long ago.

Here are some biographies:

- Michael Jordan (Athlete)
- Oprah Winfrey (Entertainer)
- Queen Elizabeth (World Leader)
- Abraham Lincoln (U.S. President)

In which biography would you find:

Who plays basketball? ____________________________
Who lives in England? ____________________________
Who was the 16th president? ________________________
Who has a TV show? _______________________________

Whose biography would you like to read?
______________________________________________

Whose biography have you already read?
______________________________________________

Child’s name ______________________________________

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There are many kinds of books to read. An autobiography is the true story of a person’s life, written by the person himself or herself.

- On the lines below, write A for autobiography, B for biography, or N for neither.

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Dear Family, Your child is learning about a special book called an autobiography.

My Life Story
By Oprah Winfrey

All About the United States Presidents
By John Mason

My Life on Ice
By Tara Lipinski

Martin Luther King, Jr.
By Ann Smith

Rocks & Minerals
By Bill Ding

How to Ride a Horse
By Savannah Hoffman

SCHOOL-HOME LINKS

3/Demonstrates Familiarity with Different Types of Text/5
There are many kinds of books to read. **Tall tales** take real-life stories and make them funny by stretching the truth. A **tall tale** must have a hero who has an adventure. Someone else, not the hero, tells the story.

- Choose two tall tales to read from home, school, or the library. Paul Bunyan and Johnny Appleseed are tall tales.

- Fill in the box below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tall tale</th>
<th>Hero’s name</th>
<th>Hero’s problem</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Johnny Appleseed</td>
<td>Johnny</td>
<td>There was not enough fruit for the pioneers.</td>
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</table>

1. ____________       ____________         ______________________
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2. ____________       ____________         ______________________
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Dear Family, Your child is learning about special stories called tall tales.

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3/Demonstrates Familiarity with Different Types of Text/6
Dear Family, Your child is learning how to use an atlas.

An atlas is a special book of maps. Maps show where countries and cities are located. Maps can also show mountains, lakes, rivers, and valleys. Maps can show where people live. Maps can show how much rain a country gets.

- Can you find these things in an atlas? Write Yes or No on the lines.

_______ The capital city of Japan?

_______ The number of countries in Africa?

_______ Where to buy a newspaper?

_______ The names of the Presidents of the United States?

_______ The longest river in South America?

_______ The tallest mountain in Mexico?

_______ The size of the sun?
Dear Family, Your child is learning about many types of books and their special uses.

You have learned about fiction, encyclopedias, and atlases.

• Tell where you would look to find the information you need below. Write F for fiction, E for encyclopedia, or A for atlas on each line below:

  _____ Where jaguars live
  _____ A map of Africa
  _____ The characters in Chapter 1
  _____ The tallest mountain in the world
  _____ The population of Kansas
  _____ All about President Andrew Jackson

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