

SCHOOL-HOME LINKS

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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.

Halloween

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

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

happy-a good feeling; the opposite of sad

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

- 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.

A vol.1	B vol.2	Ca- Ch vol.3	Ci- Cz vol.4	D vol.5	E vol.6	F vol.7
G vol.8	H vol.9	I vol.10	J-K vol.11	L vol.12	M vol.13	N-O vol.14
P vol.15	Q-R vol.16	S-Sh vol.17	Si-Sz vol.18	T vol.19	U-V vol.20	W,X, Y,Z vol.21

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

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 book called a biography.

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?

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

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.

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

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Dear Family, Your child is learning about special stories called tall tales.

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:

Tall tale	Hero's name	Hero's problem
Johnny Appleseed	Johnny	There was not enough fruit for the pioneers.
1. _____	_____	_____

2. _____	_____	_____

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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?

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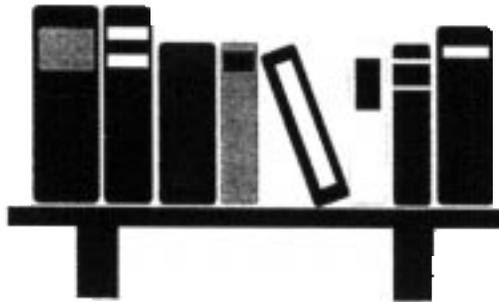
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Dear Family, Your child is learning about many types of books and their special uses.

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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