

# Home Letter

## Dear Family,

This week we explore the question “Why is volunteering good for a community and its people?” In the realistic fiction selection **Destiny's Gift**, students will read about how a young girl rallies her community to keep a neighborhood bookstore from closing. Students will also read the informational text **Kids Making a Difference**, which shows how young people can make their community a better place in which to live.

## This week's...

**Target Vocabulary:** raise, spreading, earn, figure, contacted, block, afford, customers

**Phonics skill:** Common vowel pairs *ai, ay, ee, ea*

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Antonyms

**Comprehension Skill:** Understanding characters—tell why characters act as they do

**Comprehension Strategy:** Analyze/evaluate—think about what you read, and then form an opinion about it

**Writing Focus:** Narrative writing—personal narrative

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Target Vocabulary** to talk about stores you visit in your community.

### Helping Others

Why do people like to help each other? Why is it important to help your neighbors? Discuss these questions with your child, and talk about why it feels good to help others.

### A Personal Narrative About the Community

Talk with your child about a problem in your community that he or she would like to fix. Then encourage your child to write a paragraph that tells how he or she feels about the problem and how people might work together to solve it.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.