

# Home Letter

## Dear Family,

This week we'll explore the question "Why are stories from different cultures important?" In the legend **Yonder Mountain: A Cherokee Legend**, a Cherokee chief finds out which of three men is best suited to become the new leader. We'll also read the informational text **The Trail of Tears**, which tells about the forced migration of the Cherokee to Oklahoma.

### This week's...

**Target Vocabulary:** peak, examined, fondly, steep, rugged, pausing, mist, pleaded

**Phonics Skill:** Contractions with *n't*, *'d*, *'ve*

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Homophones and homographs

**Comprehension Skill:** Compare and contrast—tell how details and ideas are alike or different

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

**Writing Focus:** Informative writing—informative paragraph

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Target Vocabulary** to describe a hike in the woods or up a mountain.

### Leadership Skills

Talk with your child about leaders you admire, whether in your community, your state, the nation, or the world at large. What characteristics make these people great leaders?

### Cherokee Traditions

Help your child research Cherokee traditions using print or online resources. Ask your child to write a short informative paragraph about one of those traditions.



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