

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll begin by asking, "Why is it important to take care of our environment?" In the humorous fiction selection **Judy Moody Saves the World**, we'll read about a girl who takes protecting the environment very seriously, to her family's surprise. We'll also read **My Smelly Pet**, another humorous fiction selection in which Judy Moody picks out a plant to be her favorite pet!

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: recycle, project, dripping, carton, complicated, global, rubbish, hardly, shade, pollution

Phonics Skill: Words with *air, ear, are*

Vocabulary Strategy: Context clues

Comprehension Skill: Story structure—name the setting, character, and plot in a story

Comprehension Strategy: Monitor/clarify—as you read, find a way to clear up what doesn't make sense

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—a persuasive letter

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Talk with your child about different kinds of pollution you might encounter during a typical day. Use as many **Target Vocabulary** words as you can in your conversation.

Home Improvement

Walk through your home with your child. Discuss how your family can save and recycle resources. For example, turn off the water when brushing your teeth.

What's the Problem?

Ask your child to identify a way to improve the environment in your community. Then have your child describe the problem and propose a solution in a letter to a local official.



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