

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll ask, "What can fossils tell us about the past?" In the informational text **The Albertosaurus Mystery: Philip Currie's Hunt in the Badlands**, students will read about a paleontologist who searches for dinosaur bones. Students will also read the informational text **Finding Fossils for Fun**, which has tips on where to make your own discoveries.



This week's...

Target Vocabulary: clues, remains, evidence, prove, fossils, skeletons, uncovering, buried, fierce, location

Phonics Skills: Words with /j/ and /s/; words with the VCCCV pattern

Vocabulary Strategy: Suffix *-ly*

Comprehension Skill: Conclusions—use details to figure out ideas that the author doesn't state

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize—as you read, use selection details to picture what is happening

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—an opinion paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Create a story with your child. Say a sentence about fossils or fossil hunting. Then ask your child to add another sentence. Include a **Target Vocabulary** word in each sentence. Continue adding sentences until the story is complete!

Draw Fossils

Ask your child to name some favorite animals. Then look online or in a reference book for pictures of those animals' skeletons. Encourage your child to draw one of the skeletons, and point out that this is what the animal's fossils would look like.

Express Yourself!

Ask your child to write a short paragraph explaining why he or she thinks it is important to study fossils.



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