

# Home Letter

## Dear Family,

This week we'll ask "Why do animals migrate to other places"? In the informational text **The Journey: Stories of Migration**, students will learn about the migratory patterns of several different animals. We'll also read the classic fable **The Grasshopper and the Ant**, about a grasshopper that sings all the time and fails—unlike the ant—to prepare for winter.



## This week's...

**Target Vocabulary:** survival, migrate, plenty, frightening, accidents, solid, chilly, landscape, thunderous, dramatic

**Phonics Skills:** Spelling changes: -s, -es, -ed, -ing; less common plurals

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Word roots

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

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

**Writing Focus:** Narrative writing—descriptive paragraph

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Play a game that uses this week's **Target Vocabulary** words. Say a sentence that uses one of the words. Then have your child change the sentence by adding a new vocabulary word. Take turns until you have one long sentence that uses as many of the vocabulary words as you can.

### Movin' On

Talk with your child about reasons people move. Ask him or her to describe what it might feel like to move to a new place.

### Vacation Fun

Have your child write a paragraph to describe a trip he or she has taken recently, or would like to take. Encourage your child to use details in each sentence.



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