

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll look at the Aloha State, Hawaii, and ask, "What changes do volcanoes cause?" In the realistic fiction selection **Dog-of-the-Sea-Waves**, we'll read about a boy who forms a special bond with an injured seal he rescues. We'll also read the informational text **The Land Volcanoes Built**, which explains how volcanoes helped form the land of Hawaii.



This week's...

Target Vocabulary: guided, rippled, arrival, voyage, twisted, aboard, anchor, spotted, bay, lava

Phonics Skill: Prefixes *un-*, *pre-*, *re-*, *bi-*

Vocabulary Strategy: Shades of meaning

Comprehension Skill: Author's purpose—use text details to tell why an author writes a book

Comprehension Strategy: Question—ask questions before you read, while you read, and after you read

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—prewrite a fictional narrative

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Use the **Target Vocabulary** words as you and your child describe a walk along the seashore.

Volcano Myths

Go online together to look up legends and myths about volcanoes. Talk with your child about why people probably made up stories about volcanoes.

Land Ho!

Ask your child to pretend that he or she is taking a trip by boat to an island. Ask him or her to write about the trip and how he or she felt as land came into sight.



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