

# 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.