

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we look at how technology has benefitted the world of sports. Students will examine the question “How do inventions help athletes?” In the informational text **Technology Wins the Game**, students will read how sports engineers have helped athletes improve performance by inventing special equipment and clothing for different types of sports. Students will also read the informational text **Science for Sports Fans**, which explains how to find the “sweet spot” on a baseball bat.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: contribute, athletes, improve, power, process, flexible, fraction, compete

Phonics Skill: Vowel diphthongs *oi, oy*

Vocabulary Strategy: Suffixes *-less, -y, -ful, -ous*

Comprehension Skill: Sequence of events—tell the time order in which events happen

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

Writing Focus: Informative writing—cause and effect paragraphs

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Talk with your child about sports at his or her school. Have your child use the **Target Vocabulary** words throughout the discussion.

Technology Trends

Talk with your child about everyday technologies that people use at work and at home, such as cellphones, digital cameras, or computers. Discuss how those inventions have benefitted people.

Inventions and Sports

Ask your child to write a short paragraph informing what effect a particular type of invention has had on athletic performance.



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