

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll explore the question "Why are stories from different cultures important?" In the legend **Yonder Mountain: A Cherokee Legend**, a Cherokee chief finds out which of three men is best suited to become the new leader. We'll also read the informational text **The Trail of Tears**, which tells about the forced migration of the Cherokee to Oklahoma.



This week's...

Target Vocabulary: peak, examined, fondly, steep, rugged, pausing, mist, pleaded

Phonics Skill: Contractions with *n't*, *'d*, *'ve*

Vocabulary Strategy: Homophones and homographs

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

Comprehension Strategy: Analyze/evaluate—think about what you read, and form an opinion about it

Writing Focus: Informative writing—informative paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Target Vocabulary** to describe a hike in the woods or up a mountain.

Leadership Skills

Talk with your child about leaders you admire, whether in your community, your state, the nation, or the world at large. What characteristics make these people great leaders?

Cherokee Traditions

Help your child research Cherokee traditions using print or online resources. Ask your child to write a short informative paragraph about one of those traditions.



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