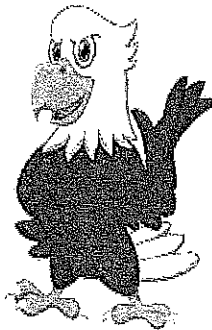


Home Letter

Aero and Officer Mike
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Dear Family,

This week we explore the question “What are some benefits of dogs interacting with people?” In the informational text **Aero and Officer Mike**, we’ll read about a specially trained dog and a police officer. We’ll read a second informational text, **Kids and Critters**, which tells about the bond between children and animals.



This week’s...

Target Vocabulary: lying, loyal, partners, shift, quiver, patrol, ability, snap

Phonics Skill: Words with *ar*, *or*, *ore*

Vocabulary Strategy: Prefixes *in-*, *im-* (meaning “not”)

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

Comprehension Strategy: Summarize—tell the important parts of the text in your own words

Writing Focus: Informative writing—prewrite an explanatory essay

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to use the **Target Vocabulary** words to describe a time he or she played or interacted with an animal.

Be Prepared!

Talk with your child about how teachers help students face challenges. Ask your child to tell about a time when a teacher helped him or her face a challenge.

A Pet Paragraph

Ask your child to think about taking care of a pet. Have your child write a paragraph describing what is involved in taking care of a pet he or she has or would like to have.



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