

Home Letter

What Do Illustrators Do?
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Dear Family,

This week we will explore the question “How do pictures help to tell a story?” In the informational text selection **What Do Illustrators Do?** we’ll read about the methods and skills illustrators use to make stories come alive. We’ll also read the selection **Jack Draws a Beanstalk** and see how drawing makes this traditional fairy tale come alive.

This week’s...

Target Vocabulary: tracing (paper), imagine, illustrate, scribbles, sketches, research, textures, tools

Phonics Skill: Three-letter clusters (*scr, spr, str, thr*)

Vocabulary Strategy: Synonyms

Comprehension Skill: Text and graphic features—tell how words and art work together

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

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—opinion paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to create quick sketches that can be labeled with this week’s **Target Vocabulary** words.

Create a Scrapbook

Work with your child to create a scrapbook to describe a day in his or her life. You can use drawings or actual items. For example, you can either draw a picture of a movie stub or attach the stub itself. Help your child write captions for each item.

In My Opinion ...

Ask your child to select a book he or she has recently read. Have your child write a short review of the book. Encourage your child to include his or her opinion of the book.



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