

Home Letter

The Harvest Birds
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Dear Family,

This week we'll ask "What do traditional tales tell readers about life?" In the folktale **The Harvest Birds**, we'll read about how a young man, Juan, listens to nature to achieve his dream. We'll also read the folktale **The Treasure** about a poor man who follows a dream to look for a treasure, but ends up finding it in his own home instead.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: harvest, separate, ashamed, borders, advice, borrow, patch, serious

Phonics Skill: Silent letters *kn, wr*

Vocabulary Strategy: Context clues

Comprehension Skill: Conclusions—use details to figure out ideas that the author doesn't state

Comprehension Strategy: Infer/predict—use clues to figure out more about the selection

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—response paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Ask your child to use this week's **Target Vocabulary** words to help him or her tell about the types of crops that are harvested in the community where you live.

Dream Big

Talk with your child about dreams for the future. Tell about your dreams and what you do to try to achieve them. Then have your child tell about his or her dreams for the future.

The Moral of a Story

Select a popular folktale or fable to read with your child, such as **The Tortoise and the Hare** or **The Crow and the Pitcher**. Then have your child write a summary of the reading that includes the moral or lesson of the tale.



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