

Home Letter

A Cupcake Party Home Letter

Dear Family,

Friendships are a big part of your child's life. We'll read the fantasy story **A Cupcake Party** in which we'll meet a chipmunk who invites all his friends to a big birthday bash. Then children will read poetry about feelings. This week we'll explore the question, "How can you show a friend that you care about him or her?"

This week's...

Words to Know: eat, give, one, put, small, take

Phonics Skills: Review short *u*; final clusters, phonogram *-ump*

Vocabulary Strategy: Synonyms

Comprehension Skill: Story structure—tell the setting, character, and events in a story

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize—picture what is happening as you read

Writing Focus: Informative writing—description (that informs)

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Play a game of charades using this week's **Words to Know**. Take turns acting out a word and see if the other person can guess it correctly.

Forever Friends

Discuss special friends. Talk about times friends have made you feel good and times friends have helped you.

My Friend

Ask your child to tell what he or she likes to talk about with friends. Have your child write a few lines that describe a conversation he or she might have with a friend.



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