

Home Letter

The Big Race Home Letter

Dear Family,

Following rules is a key skill throughout life. This week we'll explore the question, "Why is it important to have rules?" Children will read about a fantasy story called **The Big Race** that takes place in a desert setting. Then we'll learn about why it's necessary to have rules almost everywhere we go in the informational text **Rules and Laws**.

This week's...

Words to Know: four, five, into, over, starts, three, two, watch

Phonics Skills: Long *a* (CVCe); soft *c*, *g*, *dge*; phonogram *-ake*

Vocabulary Strategy: Shades of meaning

Comprehension Skill: Conclusions—use details to figure out more about the text

Comprehension Strategy: Infer/predict—use clues to figure out more about story parts

Writing Focus: Informative writing—report

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Work with your child to make up a counting rhyme by using the **Words to Know**.

Desert Animals

Discuss a desert animal that your child has learned about. What would he or she want to know about that animal? Go online with your child to find more information.

The Question Is

Have your child imagine if he or she had no rules at home. Ask your child to write a few sentences telling what might happen if he or she never had to go to bed on time or change his or her socks.



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