

# Home Letter

**Whistle for Willie**  
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## Dear Family,

Having a pet can help us learn to be responsible. This week we'll answer the question "How can you take good care of a pet?" We'll read a realistic fiction story called **Whistle for Willie** and meet a boy who is learning to whistle. Then children will read some poems in the collection **Pet Poems**.

### This week's...

**Words to Know:** again, along, began, boy, father, house, nothing, together

**Phonics Skills:** Vowel digraph *oo*; syllable pattern (CVC)

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Define words

**Comprehension Skill:** Cause and effect—tell what happens and why

**Comprehension Strategy:** Monitor/clarify—find ways to figure out what doesn't make sense

**Writing Focus:** Narrative writing—story summary

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

See how many of this week's **Words to Know** you and your child can use in one sentence.

### Something New

Talk about something that was difficult for you to learn. Ask your child, "What is something that you would like to learn to do?" Discuss what your child might need to do to learn the new skill.

### Puppy Sleep Over

Pretend with your child that your family will be temporarily dog-sitting a relative's puppy. Brainstorm with your child all the necessary preparations your family will need to make before the puppy arrives for its stay. Have your child write a summary of the preparations.



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