

Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll read about schools in other parts of the world and explore the question, "How are some schools different from each other?" In the informational text **Schools Around the World**, we'll learn about how schools in other parts of the world are the same and different. We'll also read an interview between pen-pals about schools in the United States in **An American School**.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: culture, community, languages, transportation, subjects, lessons, special, wear

Phonics Skills: Vowel digraphs *ee*, *ea* (long *e* sound)

Vocabulary Strategy: Using a dictionary

Comprehension Skill: Main idea and details—tell important ideas and details about a topic

Comprehension Strategy: Analyze/evaluate—tell how you feel about the text and why

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—persuasive paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Use as many **Target Vocabulary** words as you can to describe different kinds of schools.

School Guessing Game

Play a guessing game with your child. Select one of the schools described in **Schools Around the World**. Then have your child ask you questions that will help him or her identify the school you selected. Challenge your child to try to guess the school in fewer than six questions.

The School's Best

Have your child draw pictures of the three things he or she likes best about school. Then encourage your child to write a paragraph to persuade others that these are the best things at school.



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