

Home Letter

Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble
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Dear Family,

In this first week, we'll meet Mr. Tanen, a school principal who uses his tie collection to help his school. **Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble** is a realistic fiction story about a hero and a helper. Students will explore the question "How can helping others make you feel good?" We'll also read an informational text called **The Jefferson Daily News**.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: received, account, budget, disappointed, chuckled, staring, repeated, fund

Phonics Skills: Base words and endings -ed, -ing

Vocabulary Strategy: Homographs

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

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

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—story paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Use the words in this week's **Target Vocabulary** list to make up sentences about people working together to solve a problem.

Heroes and Helpers at Home

Who is one of your heroes? Who are the helpers in your neighborhood or your family? Talk with your child about some heroes and helpers you both know.

A New Hero

Invent a brand-new superhero. Ask your child to draw a picture of the superhero and write a one-paragraph story about how that superhero saves the day!



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