

Home Letter

My Name Is Gabriela
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Dear Family,

This week we will ask, “Why are reading and writing important?” First we’ll read **My Name Is Gabriela**, a biography of Gabriela Mistral. Gabriela, a girl who loved to read, became the first Latin American woman to win a Nobel Prize. We’ll also read a few poems from the collection of poetry in **Poems About Reading and Writing**.

This week’s...

Target Vocabulary: accepted, express, fluttering, grand, pretend, prize, wonder, taught

Phonics Skills: Words with long *e* sound for *y* (*sleepy*); changing *y* to *i* (*sleepier*)

Vocabulary Strategy: Suffixes -*y* and -*ful*

Comprehension Skill: Understanding characters—tell more about characters

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

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—descriptive paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Take turns using the **Target Vocabulary** words in sentences that tell about school. Then challenge your child to incorporate the words into sentences about helping others learn.

Past, Present, Future

Talk with your child about things you liked to do when you were a child and what you thought you would do when you grew up. Invite your child to compare what he or she enjoys doing now with your childhood memories.

Describing the Future

Discuss your child’s ideas about what he or she might look like and enjoy doing as an adult. Have your child write a paragraph that describes these ideas about his or her future.



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