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Dex: The Heart of a Hero
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Dear Family,

This week we'll be exploring the question "What makes someone a hero?" First, we'll read the fantasy story **Dex: The Heart of a Hero**, about a dog that becomes a superhero! We'll also learn about some real heroes in the informational text **Heroes Then and Now**.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: depended, overlooked, sprang, studied, gazing, hero, exercise, sore

Phonics Skills: Words with *r*-controlled vowels *or* (*for*), *ore* (*bore*)

Vocabulary Strategy: Prefix *over-*

Comprehension Skill: Compare and contrast—tell how two things are alike or not

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

Writing Focus: Narrative writing—fictional story

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

See if you and your child can use all of this week's **Target Vocabulary** words in action-packed sentences about superheroes.

Heroes and Superheroes

Talk with your child about the similarities and difference between "regular" heroes and superheroes. What can regular heroes do just as well as superheroes can? Are there any advantages to being a regular hero rather than a superhero?

A Hairy Hero?

With your child, choose an animal and turn it into a superhero like Dex the dachshund. Have your child write a story about the adventures of your animal superhero. Help your child revise and make a final copy of the story.



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