

**Gloria Who Might Be My  
Best Friend**  
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## Dear Family,

This week we will be talking about changing neighborhoods and making new friends. We will be exploring the question “How do friends help each other?” In the realistic fiction story **Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend**, we’ll find out what happens when a new girl moves next door to Julian. We’ll also learn how to change simple supplies into a kite in the informational text **How to Make a Kite**.

### This week’s...

**Target Vocabulary:** lonely, seriously, copy, heavily, planning, answered, guessed, knot

**Phonics Skills:** Homophones; base words and endings *-er, -est*

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Figurative language/idioms

**Comprehension Skill:** Understanding characters—tell more about characters

**Comprehension Strategy:** Question—ask questions about what you are reading

**Writing Focus:** Informative/explanatory writing—compare-contrast paragraph

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

See how many of this week’s **Target Vocabulary** words you and your child can include in a poem about friends.

### New Kid on the Block

Talk with your child about the time you or your family moved to a new house or a new neighborhood, or new neighbors moved in. What was the experience like? How did it make you feel?

### Friends, Then and Now

Work together with your child to write a compare-contrast paragraph about making new friends. What was it like to make new friends when you were a child? What is it like for your child to make new friends today? How is it the same? How is it different?



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