

Home Letter

Half-Chicken Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll find out how one act of kindness leads to another in the folktale **Half-Chicken**. We'll also learn about acts of kindness in the traditional tale **The Lion and the Mouse**. Both selections will be a springboard for discussing the question "Why are some stories told over and over again?"

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: tumbling, flung, tangled, empty, peacefully, stream, blazed, swift

Phonics Skills: Prefixes *re-*, *un-*, *over-*, *pre-*, *mis-*; silent consonants

Vocabulary Strategy: Antonyms

Comprehension Skill: Cause and effect—tell how one event makes another happen

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize—picture what is happening as you read

Writing Focus: Informative/explanatory writing—research report

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Use the **Target Vocabulary** words in a story you and your child make up that contains a moral.

Rhyme Time

Have fun making up rhyming sentences about your favorite animals. Take turns with your child creating couplets, or two-line rhymes. For example: "A lion has great big feet. He uses his teeth to help him eat."

Animal Report

Think about an animal you would like to know more about. Use library books and the Internet to find out more about it. Then help your child write a short report featuring the information you found.



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