

Home Letter

Two of Everything Home Letter

Dear Family,

This week we'll read **Two of Everything**, a folktale from China. A farmer finds an unusual brass pot that doubles everything put inside it. But is that always a good thing? In the traditional tale of **Stone Soup**, we'll read about a clever man who figures out how to make soup from a stone. With both stories, we'll explore the question "What good things happen when people work together?"

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: contained, grateful, startled, odd, search, leaned, tossed, village

Phonics Skills: Reading longer words with long vowels *a* and *i*; vowel diphthongs *oi* (*boil*), *oy* (*toy*)

Vocabulary Strategy: Antonyms

Comprehension Skill: Understanding characters—tell more about characters

Comprehension Strategy: Summarize—stop to tell important events as you read

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—response essay

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

See if you can use this week's **Target Vocabulary** words in a story about someone who solves a problem.

Second Helpings

Make some soup with your child. Work together to prepare the ingredients and mix everything together. Talk about what you're doing as you work and how you think the soup will taste when you are done.

Read—and Write—All About It!

Read a folktale or traditional tale together. Have your child make a "critics review" poster about the book. Encourage your child to tell why he or she liked the story in a way that will make other children and their families want to read it.



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