

Home Letter

Now & Ben
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Dear Family,

This week we'll answer "Why might a person from long ago still be important today?" We will read an informational text about Benjamin Franklin, who made many helpful new discoveries long ago. In addition to **Now & Ben**, we will read **A Model Citizen**, where we'll learn of the many other helpful things Ben Franklin did for his country.

This week's...

Target Vocabulary: accomplishments, inventions, result, designed, achieve, composed, remarkable, amounts

Phonics Skills: Reading longer words with long vowels *o* and *e*; final stable syllable *-le*

Vocabulary Strategy: Root words

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

Comprehension Strategy: Visualize—picture what is happening 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 sentences about famous people you and your child know about.

Relying On the Past

Work with your child to think of other inventors besides Benjamin Franklin from the past whose inventions are still important to us today. Help your child research and write a few sentences about one of them.

Invent a Poem

Read another book about a famous inventor. Help your child write a poem about that inventor. Have your child write an introductory sentence expressing his or her feelings about the book.



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