

# Home Letter

The Dog Newspaper  
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## Dear Family,

Throughout the week, students will think about how to answer the question “What do facts and opinions contribute to a story?” Our main selection, **The Dog Newspaper**, is an autobiography of children’s author Peg Kehret. She fondly remembers her first effort as a ten-year-old author—a handwritten newspaper about neighborhood dogs. She wrote out twelve copies and sold them all! Students will then read **Poetry About Poetry** to see the fun poets have with...poetry!

### This week’s...

**Target Vocabulary:** career, publication, household, edition, required, formula, background, insights, uneventful, destruction

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Homophones and homographs

**Comprehension Skill:** Fact and opinion—decide whether an idea can be proved or is a feeling or belief

**Comprehension Strategy:** Analyze/evaluate—think carefully about the text and form an opinion about it

**Writing Focus:** Narrative writing—autobiography

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Spend time with your child looking up **Target Vocabulary** in a print or an online dictionary. Then, in a conversation about your child’s favorite book, have him or her use as many vocabulary words as possible.

### Interview Practice

Many good writers spend time interviewing people to get information for their stories. Have your child interview you as if he or she were going to write a biography about you. Afterward, discuss what was easy or difficult about conducting the interview.

### The Real Thing

Have your child share the details of an event that recently happened in class. Then ask your child to write a paragraph about it, being sure to tell things in the same order in which they happened.



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