

# Home Letter

**Darnell Rock Reporting**  
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## Dear Family,

Reading this week’s selections will help students be ready to answer “Why is it important to be aware of your community’s needs?” We will read a realistic fiction story, **Darnell Rock Reporting**. Darnell, a reporter for his school newspaper, stirs up controversy with an editorial proposing to use an empty lot as a garden for the homeless instead of a teachers’ parking lot. Students will also read **Volunteer!**, a persuasive text that encourages readers to support community projects by volunteering.

### This week’s...

**Target Vocabulary:** issue, deteriorating, dependent, exception, granted, effective, urge, violations, ordinance, minimum

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Greek and Latin suffixes *-ism, -ist, -able, -ible*

**Comprehension Skill:** Author’s purpose— use text details to figure out the author’s viewpoint and reasons for writing

**Comprehension Strategy:** Summarize— briefly tell the important parts of the text in your own words

**Writing Focus:** Narrative writing— prewrite a personal narrative

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Use the **Target Vocabulary** words in a “meaningful” word game! Give your child a definition so he or she can match it to a target word. Then exchange roles.

### I Believe That...

Discuss an issue facing your child’s school or your community as a whole. Help your child practice expressing his or her beliefs about the issue. Remind your child to include the reasons that support these feelings.

### Write That Down

Talk with your child about a time someone in your family volunteered to help a neighbor or a school or community group. Have your child list what happened during that time. Encourage your child to also list his or her feelings at the beginning and end of the event.



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