



# First Grade Literacy Life

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Dear Room 126 Families,

During the next two weeks, we will look closely at the characters in the fable *Jack and the Wolf* and the fairy tale *The Three Little Pigs*. Jack's habit of 'crying wolf' will help the children think about the question, *What lessons can you learn from story characters?* We will discuss how a character's words and actions affect others' opinions of them. We will also discuss how our own words and actions impact others.

Have a wonderful week!  
Martha Orso

## Word Wall Words

11/30-12/4

- ◆ that
- ◆ then
- ◆ this
- ◆ them
- ◆ because

12/7-12/11

- ◆ want
- ◆ yes
- ◆ will
- ◆ they
- ◆ give

## Spelling Words

11/30-12/4

- ◆ math
- ◆ both
- ◆ thin
- ◆ thing
- ◆ both

12/7-12/11

- ◆ chin
- ◆ chop
- ◆ much
- ◆ rich
- ◆ chip

## Vocabulary

- ◆ listen
- ◆ enough
- ◆ slammed
- ◆ neighborly
- ◆ testify
- ◆ fateful

## Reading Strategies

### ◆ The Essential Question

What lessons can you learn from story characters?

### ◆ Check for Understanding

Stop and talk about important characters and events as you read.

### ◆ Understanding Characters

Think about what characters do and say to learn what they are like.

## Writing

We will soon wrap up our unit on writing small moment stories. During the next two weeks, the children will work on revising their best work. Students will also work with an editing buddy to prepare their writing for publication. We'll focus on stretching out the most important parts of our stories with details, fixing our spelling and use of beginning capitals and end marks, and write blurbs to tell readers what our books are all about. Then it will be time to celebrate with a publishing party!



## Activities to Do Together

- ◆ Be a Storyteller—Think about a fairy tale that you and your child know well. Work together to retell the story in your own words. Ask them how were the characters' words and actions important to the story.
- ◆ Trading Places—Talk with your child about Jack and what happened when he was dishonest. Ask your child to write a new version of the tale, this time making Jack an honest character.