Dear Family,

This week we’ll ask “How can readers figure out the message in a story?” In the folktale The Harvest Birds, we’ll read about how a young man, Juan, listens to nature to achieve his dream. We’ll also read the reader’s theater selection The Farmer and the Dream about a farmer who follows a dream to look for riches.

This week’s…
Target Vocabulary: harvest, separate, ashamed, borders, advice, borrow, patch, serious
Phonics Skill: Silent letters kn, wr
Vocabulary Strategy: Multiple-meaning words
Comprehension Skill: Conclusions—use details to figure out ideas that the author doesn’t state
Comprehension Strategy: Infer/predict—use clues to figure out more about the selection
Writing Focus: Write to respond—summary paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary
Ask your child to use this week’s Target Vocabulary words to help him or her tell about the types of crops that are harvested in the community where you live.

Dream Big
Talk with your child about dreams for the future. Tell about your dreams and what you do to try to achieve them. Then have your child tell about his or her dreams for the future.

A Trip to the Farmer’s Market
Take your child on a trip to the local market or fruit stand. When you get home, have your child write a summary paragraph that tells about the most important events of your trip.

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