

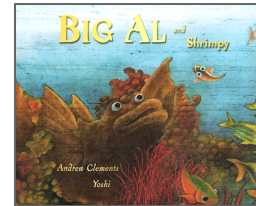


Our Unit 1: Community

Week 6

Dear Families,

This is the final week of the Our Community unit. We are reading ***Big Al and Shrimpy*** by Andrew Clements. Through this story children are learning about how to be a good friend and how friends help each other.



This week, try some of the activities below with your child. You can use the back of this page for drawing, writing stories, or anything else you'd like to share. Please help your child return the sheet to school at the end of the week. We hope you enjoy learning together.

<p>Go outside / Bring the outside in</p> <p>Play <i>I SPY</i> with your child. Invite your child to look out the window and describe something they see, using colors, shapes, sizes, and even the first sound of the object. You guess what it is. Take turns!</p>	<p>Shared Reading (on back of page)</p> <p>Find the poem on the back of this page. Read it aloud a few times and ask your child to chime in or repeat some lines back. Talk about what the poem means.</p>	
<p>Talk about it</p> <p>Invite your child to tell you about their day. If they need help remembering you can ask about something they did with a friend, or their best and least favorite activity.</p>	<p>Read together!</p> <p>at least 20 minutes every day</p>	
<p>Explore science and engineering:</p> <p>Children are continuing to observe and talk about the weather. Invite your child to discuss the difference between the weather they are experiencing now and compare it to the weather they had during the summer.</p>	<p>Play with math ideas</p> <p>Write down the names of people who are in your family. Invite your child to count the letters in their names. Ask them which name had the most and the least amount of letters.</p> <p>Play with sounds</p> <p>Say a word aloud. Ask your child: <i>What sound do you hear at the beginning of this word?</i></p> <p>Then say two more words that begin with the same sound (not letter). Try these words:</p> <p>/d/: dance, dig, dog</p> <p>/s/: sand, sun, soup</p> <p>/m/: man, moon, mop</p> <p>IMPORTANT: When you see these: / /, make the sound, don't say the letter.</p>	

Please turn the page over.



This week's poem

Read the poem
aloud a few times.

You might also find
this song online and
sing it together!

Five Green Apples

Farmer Gladys had 5 green apples
hanging on a tree,

Farmer Gladys had 5 green apples
hanging on a tree.

Then she grabbed one apple
and she gulped it hungrily!

Leaving 4 green apples
hanging on a tree.

Farmer Gladys had 4 green apples
hanging on a tree, ...

Repeat the verse four times, counting down to zero.

Use this space to make a drawing, write down a story, or share any adventures you have had together. The other children in our classroom community will love to know about them! You can also use this space to write a note to the children or teachers in the classroom.

Child's name _____

Family Response

Who tried the Family Links activities together this week? _____

Which activities did you enjoy? Was any activity very challenging? Why?