

# Home Letter

## Dear Family,

This week we'll ask and answer the question, "How do animals communicate?" The informational text **How Animals Communicate** explains how creatures such as elephants, rattlesnakes, and bees use their senses to give and get information between other animals and themselves. We'll also read the informational text **Insect Messages** and learn how mosquitoes, honeybees, ants, and fireflies share information.

### This week's...

**Words to Know:** animal, how, make, of, some, why

**Phonics Skills:** Review short *i*; clusters with *r*; phonogram *-ip*

**Vocabulary Strategy:** Using a glossary

**Comprehension Skill:** Main idea and details—tell about important ideas of a topic and the details that support them

**Comprehension Strategy:** Infer/predict—use clues in the story to figure out important ideas

**Writing Focus:** Informative writing—poetry (that describes and informs)

## Activities to Do Together

### Vocabulary

Ask your child to choose an animal, and then think of questions about the animal using this week's **Words to Know**. Together, look for answers to your child's questions.

### Animal Talk

With your child, observe an animal. It could be a family pet, an insect in your yard, or a bird in a nearby tree. Talk about the ways the animal uses its senses to communicate.

### Guide Book

After observing an animal and the ways it communicates, ask your child to write a short field-guide description of the animal.



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

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**Lesson 7**  
BLACKLINE MASTER 7.3

**How Animals  
Communicate**  
Vocabulary Word Cards

**animal**

**of**

**how**

**some**

**make**

**why**