

HELLO, FAMILY!

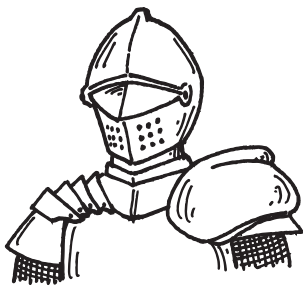
Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about heroic feats, with a focus on the genres of fairy tales and myths. We will read texts and view videos about what makes someone a hero. Children will also write an expository essay about the personal qualities and actions that make someone a hero.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to discuss the topic:

- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned.



Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is fairy tales and myths. Discuss with your child the characteristics of these story genres, such as tales that often have fantasy characters and happy endings.

Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.

Look for texts that

- interest your child
- describe heroic actions
- have dramatic photographs and/or illustrations

Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *aspire*, *confidence*, *endeavor*, and *fearlessness* in conversations, using prompts like these: What do you **aspire** to be, and why? Describe a time you displayed **confidence**.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with the prefixes *sub-*, *fore-*, and suffixes *-able*, *-ible*, *-en*, *-ic* in books, magazines, online texts, and environmental print.