Dear Family Member:

The desert is a very interesting environment. This week our class is reading *A Walk in the Desert*. The main idea is how different plants and animals make the desert their home. Details, or facts, tell me all about the main idea. Did you know that a cactus can live 200 years?

**This Week’s Skills**

**Comprehension:** main ideas and details  
**Vocabulary:** context clues  
**Spelling/Phonics:** words with long a

**Word Workout**

**WORDS TO KNOW**
climate eerie lumbering lurk  
shimmer silken swallows

**In the Desert** Let’s imagine we are giving a talk about life in the desert. We’ll use the words to tell about it.

**SPELLING WORDS**
pale face crate clay stray  
cane slate bail rail break  
ache today drain faint flame  
claim neigh steak mane graze

**Looking for Letters** There are four different ways to spell the sound of long a. Can you sort these words into four categories? Let’s try.

Name ________________________________
Brrrrrrrr!
Let’s read about the Arctic and talk about the main idea.
Then we can use the details to solve the crossword puzzle.

The Arctic is a desert even though it is cold.
Deserts get less than ten inches of rain a year.
The Arctic gets only five inches of snow.

Puffins are birds that come to the Arctic in the spring.
They build nests on the cliffs.
The puffins guard their nests from the Arctic foxes, who like to steal the eggs.

Polar bears hunt seals, walruses, and even fish.
Their webbed feet help them to swim long distances in search of food.
The polar bear’s only enemy is the killer whale.

Across
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4. The _____ bear is at the top of the Arctic food chain.
5. The Arctic _____ likes to steal puffin eggs.
6. Polar bears like to hunt ______.

Down
1. The killer _____ is an enemy of the polar bear.
2. A _____ gets less than 10 inches of rain a year.
3. The _____ is a cold desert.
4. _____ are black and white birds.
Queridos familiares:

El desierto es un medio ambiente realmente fascinante. Esta semana estamos leyendo *A Walk in the Desert*. La idea principal es cómo diferentes plantas y animales crecen y viven en el desierto. Detalles, o datos, ilustran la idea principal. ¿Sabían que un cactus puede vivir 200 años?

**Destrezas de la semana**

**Comprensión:** idea principal y detalles

**Vocabulario:** claves de contexto

**Ortografía/Fonética:** palabras con a larga

En el desierto Vamos a imaginarnos que estamos dando una charla sobre la vida en el desierto. Vamos a usar todas las palabras de la lista para hablar del tema.

**PALABRAS DE VOCABULARIO**

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shimmer silken swallows

**PALABRAS DE ORTOGRAFÍA**

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Cuatro grupos Hay cuatro maneras diferentes de escribir el sonido de la a larga. ¿Puedes agrupar estas palabras en cuatro categorías? Vamos a intentarlo.

Nombre______________________________
¡Qué frío!

Vamos a leer sobre el Ártico y hablar de cuál es la idea principal. Luego podremos usar los detalles para resolver el crucigrama de la página siguiente.

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Egzèsis sou mo

MO POU KONNEN
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MO ÔTOGRAF
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N ap chèche lèt Genyen kat diferan fason pou eple son a ki long. Èske w ka separe mo sa yo nan kat kategorì? Annou eseye.

Chè manm fanmi :

Dezè a se yon anviwonman ki trè enteresan. Semèn sa a klas nou an ap li A Walk in the Desert. Ide prensipal li se fason diferan plant yo ak zannimo yo abite nan dezè a. Detay yo, oswa fè yo, pale m konsènan ide prensipal li. Èske w te konnen yon kaktis ka viv 200 an ?

Teknik pou semèn sa a

Konpreyansyon : ide prensipal ak detay
Vokabilè : endis nan konteks la
Ôtograf/Fonik : mo ki gen yon son a ki long

Non

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Li fè frèt!

Annou li konsènan Aktik la epi pale sou ide prensipal la. Ansuit nou ka itilize detay yo pou rezoud mo kwaze a.

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