

Home Letter

Dear Family,

Throughout the week, students will consider the question, “How do individual acts of bravery shape history?” Our first example of one person’s act of bravery is **They Called Her Molly Pitcher**, a narrative nonfiction selection. When her husband is wounded in battle, Molly steps in and fires a cannon in his place, helping to rout the British Redcoats. Then we will read a play, **A Spy for Freedom**, based on a real spy, Ann Darragh.

This week’s...

Target Vocabulary: legendary, formal, gushed, strategy, retreat, foes, shimmering, magnificent, revolution, plunged

Vocabulary Strategy: Reference materials

Comprehension Skill: Conclusions and generalizations—use details to explain ideas that are not stated or are generally true

Comprehension Strategy: Analyze/evaluate—think carefully about the text and form an opinion about it

Writing Focus: Opinion writing persuasive letter

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

Spend time with your child looking up synonyms of the **Target Vocabulary** in a thesaurus. Then have a conversation about the American Revolution, using as many of the words as you can.

Heroes Everywhere

Talk with your child about acts of bravery. They can happen anywhere, not just in a war or during an emergency. Discuss the kind of bravery it takes to stand up for a belief.

Join the Cause

Discuss with your child a cause in your community that needs volunteers. Have your child write a letter to a friend persuading him or her to help.



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