Dear Family Member:

I’m reading *A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up* in class this week. I learned that things in a story happen in order. They happen first, next, and last. This order is called **sequence**. The first thing that happens in this book is the birth of a seal pup. She is called “Sidney.” Something will happen to Sidney. That will be the next part of the story. I want to know if Sidney will be okay.

**This Week’s Skills**

**Comprehension:** sequence

**Vocabulary:** context clues—antonyms

**Phonics:** the sounds of **oo**

**Spelling:** words with **oo** and **ou**

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**Word Workout**

**WORDS TO KNOW**

examines  hunger  mammal

normal  rescued  young

**Silly Sentences** I’ll ask you what each word means, and we’ll use it in a silly sentence. We could say, “I lost my glove in the snow, and in April I rescued it from the mud.” We can decide which of our sentences is the silliest!

**SPELLING WORDS**

good  hook  shook  brook  crook

foot  soot  could  should  would

**Shake it Up!** Let’s play a fun spelling game. I’ll show you all the words. Then I’ll cover the words and say one for you to spell. Clap your hands if the word is spelled with **oo**. Shake your hands if the word is spelled with **ou**. Then spell the word.
Do-It-Yourself Story

Let’s look at each picture and read the sentences. Then, we can put the pictures in order to tell a story. There are different ways we can tell this story. We’ll pick the best order.

Jack goes down the slide.
It is fun.

Jack takes a bath. The bubbles smell nice.

Jack puts on his shirt.
He puts on his shoes.

Jack eats an apple.
It is crisp.

Jack is in class.
He is reading a book about a mammal.

Jack plays on the swings.
He goes high in the air.
Conexión con el hogar

Queridos familiares:

Esta semana estoy leyendo en clase A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up. Aprendí que los sucesos de un cuento tienen una secuencia. Ocurren primero, después y al final. A esta secuencia la llamamos orden de los sucesos. Lo primero que sucede en este libro es el nacimiento de un cachorro de foca de piel moteada. Se llama “Sidney”. Algo le va a pasar a Sidney. Esa será la parte siguiente del cuento. Yo quiero saber que a Sidney no le va a pasar nada malo.

Destrezas de la semana
Comprensión: orden de los sucesos
Vocabulario: claves del contexto—antónimos
Fonética: los sonidos de oo
Ortografía: palabras con oo y ou

Ejercicio de palabras

PALABRAS DE VOCABULARIO
examines hunger mammal
normal rescued young

Sin ton ni son Te voy a preguntar qué significa cada palabra y después la podemos usar en una oración ilógica, algo como “I lost my glove in the snow, and in April I rescued it from the mud.” Luego podemos decidir cuál de las oraciones que hicimos es la más tonta.

PALABRAS DE ORTOGRAFÍA
good hook shook brook crook
foot soot could should would

Un aplauso y un sacudón Vamos a jugar un juego de deletreo divertido. Te voy a mostrar todas las palabras. Luego voy a taparlas y a decir una palabra para que tú las deletries. Aplaudes si la palabra se escribe con oo y sacude las manos si se escribe con ou. Luego deletrea la palabra.

Nombre______________________________
Crea tu propio cuento

Vamos a mirar cada ilustración y a leer las oraciones. Luego podemos poner las ilustraciones en orden para formar un cuento. Podemos contar este cuento de diferentes maneras. Vamos a escoger el orden que nos guste más.

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Jack is in class. He is reading a book about a mammal.
Flip and Spots, two seal pups, were swimming in the sea. The pups were swimming just below the top of the water. Then Flip popped his head out of the water to look around.
The people clapped. So the pups rolled over again. The people cheered. So the pups rolled over five more times!

“You are so cute!” a girl cried.

The pups smiled and bowed.

“Let’s go on the rocks,” Flip said to Spots. “It would feel good to lie in the sun.”

Both pups climbed on the rocks. “Look,” Spots said. “The people from the city are looking at us.”
"We should do tricks," Spots said. "I can do a trick with this ball. I own it. I gave Fin Whale three fish for it."

Spots set the ball on her nose. It did not roll off. "Wow!" Flip said. "I wish I could do that."

Then Flip yelled to the people, "Look at me." He shook his head. He slapped the water with a flipper.

"Look at us," Spots shouted. Then both pups rolled over with their flippers in the air.
Retell
Use a Sequence Chart and the photos to help you retell what you learned in this book.

Think and Compare
1. Turn to page 10. What steps led to there being more bald eagles? Write the steps in order.
   *(Identify Sequence of Events)*

2. What are some ways you can help bald eagles? *(Apply)*

3. Some people think that bald eagles don’t need to be helped by people. What do you think? *(Synthesize)*
Chapter 1
Bald Eagle Facts

The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States. It was chosen because it is a strong and brave bird.

Bald eagles live all over North America.

The bald eagle is on the Great Seal of the United States.

Glossary

endangered (en-DAYN-juhrd) in danger of no longer existing (page 6)

extinct (ek-STINGKT) no longer existing (page 6)

habitat (HAB-i-tat) the place in nature where an animal or plant lives and grows (page 6)

pollution (puh-LEW-shuhn) harmful materials such as gases, chemicals, and wastes that make the air, water, or soil dirty (page 9)

raptors (RAP-tuhrz) birds that hunt and kill other animals (page 3)

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The best way to help bald eagles is to teach people about them. Think of ways you can teach people about bald eagles. Your help could keep these great birds safe.

Bald eagles are raptors. Raptors hunt for their food.

Bald eagles are sea birds. They live near water, and their favorite food is fish.

Bald eagles catch fish with their talons, or claws. Their favorite fish is salmon.
The word *bald* used to mean white. That's how the bald eagle got its name. It has white feathers on its head and tail.

Baby bald eagles have fuzzy feathers called down. Down feathers help keep them warm.

Young bald eagles have dark beaks. Their beaks are hard to see and help keep them safe.

Our National Bird

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national bird. He said turkeys were brave. They chased people and animals out of farmyards!

Other Americans did not like that idea. They wanted the bald eagle instead. Today the bald eagle appears on U.S. stamps, passports, and money.
There is another way to help bald eagles. People can work to stop pollution. Cleaner air, water, and land would be good for the bald eagles and for us, too.

Bald eagles build their nests in trees near rivers, lakes, or the sea. They build great big nests.

Eagles’ nests are at least five feet (1.5 meters) wide. Some eagles add to their old nest each year. Nests can get as big as 10 feet (3 meters) wide!

Some pairs of bald eagles use the same spot for their nest every year.
Chapter 2
Bald Eagles in Danger

Once there were many bald eagles, but by 1963 the bald eagle was endangered. There were only about 1,000 of them left. They were almost extinct. Scientists examined why.

A bald eagle’s habitat is near the sea. People also like to live near the sea, and they cut down trees to build homes. Then bald eagles can’t find places to make their nests or lay their eggs.

This seaside town once had many trees. Today there aren’t many trees for the eagles.

The number of bald eagles in the United States has gone up.

Number of Pairs of Bald Eagles per State in 1982

Number of Pairs of Bald Eagles per State in 1999, or later
People saw that bald eagles needed help. They needed to be rescued, so a law was passed in the United States. It said that people could not hurt or kill bald eagles.

The law helped slowly. Today there are more bald eagles. Look at the maps to see where they are.

Bald eagles also have trouble finding food. They eat fish. Sometimes people catch too many fish. Then the birds don’t have enough fish to eat, and they can die of hunger.

People and bald eagles don’t want the same food, though. Bald eagles eat fish that are dying or dead. They leave the healthy fish for us.

A bald eagle can see very well. It can see a fish in the water from 2 miles (3 kilometers) in the air!
Farmers used to shoot bald eagles because they thought the birds hunted farm animals. Now we know that bald eagles usually eat dead animals. Sometimes they eat small mammals, such as rabbits. But it is not normal for eagles to eat farm animals.

A bald eagle eats a piece of fish.

Pollution also hurts bald eagles. Pollution, or waste, may be dumped into the ocean. A fish may eat the waste, then the fish gets sick. If an eagle eats the fish, it also eats the waste. The eagle gets sick, too, and sometimes may die.