



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Dear Mr. Blueberry” by Simon James. In this story, a little girl named Emily writes letters to Mr. Blueberry, her teacher, telling him she has seen a whale in her backyard pond. Mr. Blueberry writes back, giving her details about whales and plenty of reasons why there can’t be a whale in her pond. Emily, however, continues to write to him about the whale. In the last letter, she tells Mr. Blueberry about the day she and the whale say good-bye at the beach.

I have tried some of the activities.

Student: _____

Family Member: _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

You may want to do some of these activities with your child.

AT THE LIBRARY

More Animal Books

You and your child might enjoy reading about other animals and surprising events:

- *Dogs in Space* by Nancy Coffelt. Harcourt Brace, 1993.
- *The Dinosaur Who Lived in My Backyard* by B. G. Hennessy. Penquin, 1988.
- *Big Blue Whale* by Nicola Davies. Candlewick, 1997.

Word Concentration

You can use the word cards to reinforce your child’s understanding of the story vocabulary. Help your child write a brief definition for each word on separate index cards. Turn all the cards upside down. Then have your child turn over cards until he or she matches each word with its definition.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

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