



# School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Sayings We Share: Proverbs and Fables” by Norma Tong Lee. This collection shows how proverbs with similar meanings can be found throughout the world. You may enjoy discussing the proverbs and the fables, or short tales that teach a moral, in the second part of the book. Then do these activities with your child. Together you can develop and explore your child’s language skills.

## More Fables

Discuss with your child ways that many stories can teach us valuable lessons. You may be able to find these books in your local library.

- *Fabulous Beasts: The Facts and the Fables* by Finn Bevin. Children’s Press, 1998.
- *How the Ostrich Got Its Long Neck* by Verna Aardema. Scholastic, 1995.
- *The Tortoise and the Jackrabbit* by Susan Lowell. Rising Moon, 1994.

## VOCABULARY

### Spell and Tell

The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “Sayings We Share”:

generation	persistently
Illuminated	summoned
faithful	fortunate

Discuss the meanings of the words. Then play a game of “Hangman” using the vocabulary words. Select a word. Make a blank for each letter. Have your child guess letters to fill the blanks. Allow your child to guess only three incorrect letters. You may provide hints as to what the word is. When the word is spelled, challenge your child to give the meaning of the word. Keep a tally of the number or correct definitions.



### TIME TO READ

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

## Books of Wisdom

A few of the well-known proverbs mentioned in the story are “There are two sides to every story.” “A penny saved is a penny earned,” and “Silence is golden.” Discuss the meanings of the proverbs or others that are personal favorites. Then invite your child to make a book of proverbs. Include any that either of you are familiar with. Encourage your child to add a short explanation in his or her own words. Suggest drawing a picture to illustrate what the proverb means.

