



# School-Home Connection

**Your child is reading “The Armadillo from Amarillo” by Lynne Cherry.** This fantasy is about an armadillo named Sasparillo, who wonders how big the world is and where his place is in it. The story teaches children about geography. You may enjoy discussing the story and doing these activities with your child. Together you and your child can enrich his or her language skills.

## Reading Together

Your child may enjoy reading with you other award-winning books written and illustrated by Lynne Cherry. You might be able to find the following books and several others in your local library:

- *A River Ran Wild*. Harcourt Brace, 1992.
- *The Great Kapok Tree*. Harcourt Brace, 1990.
- *Flute’s Journey*. Harcourt Brace, 1997.

## VOCABULARY

### Vocabulary Practice

These words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “The Armadillo from Amarillo”:

eventually	pulp
continent	sphere
universe	homeward

Discuss when you might use or hear these words. During the week, to encourage your child to use the words, ask questions such as these: Where in the *universe* would you travel if you were an astronaut? When do you *converse* with your classmates?

## Let’s Take a Trip

Talk with your child about a trip you have taken or would like to take. Tell him or her what you learned about the place, why you wanted to go there, how you got there, and what happened on your journey. If you have mementos or photographs of your trip, share them with your child. Encourage your child to ask you questions and to share his or her ideas for a trip.



### TIME TO READ

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

