



# School-Home Connection

Your child is reading a realistic fiction story called “The Hot and Cold Summer” by Johanna Hurwitz. The story tells about two boys, Rory and Derek, and what happens when a girl named Bolivia comes to visit their neighbors for the summer. At first the boys go to great lengths to avoid her and another visitor named Lucette, who they think is Bolivia’s baby sister. When Lucette turns out to be a talking parrot and flies out a window, causing great excitement in the neighborhood, Derek is so excited and curious that he forgets his vow not to speak to Bolivia.

## Johanna Hurwitz

Johanna Hurwitz has written many books for young people. You and your child might enjoy visiting your local public library to borrow some of them. The following titles feature the same characters your child read about in “The Hot and Cold Summer.”

- *The Hot and Cold Winter* by Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Carolyn Ewing. William Morrow & Company, 1998.
- *The Up and Down Spring* by Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Gail Owens. William Morrow & Company, 1993.
- *The Down and Up Fall* by Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Gail Owens. William Morrow & Company, 1996.

## Vocabulary

### Using Vocabulary Words

While reading “The Hot and Cold Summer,” your child has learned the following new vocabulary words.

authority	vow
souvenir	commotion
incredible	exhausted

Ask your child to use each of these words in a sentence that also includes the word *parrot* or *parrots*.

Then have your child tell you the meaning of each vocabulary word.



### TIME TO READ

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

## Mistaken Impressions

Ask your child to tell you how the characters Rory and Derek discovered that Lucette was not a baby but a parrot. With your child, recall other situations either in real life or in stories, including TV and movies, in which funny things happened because a character had a mistaken idea about who or what a person or animal was.

