



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading “Yippee-Yah!” by Gail Gibbons. This nonfiction book tells about life on long cattle drives in the Old West. You may enjoy discussing the book and doing these activities with your child. Together you can enrich his or her language skills.

Reaching to Find Out

Your child may enjoy reading other books written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons. You may be able to find these and several others in your local library:

- *Caves and Caverns.* Harcourt Brace, 1996.
- *Soaring with the Wind: The Bald Eagle.* Morrow Junior Books, 1998.
- *Beacons of Light.* Morrow Junior Books, 1990.

VOCABULARY

Storytelling

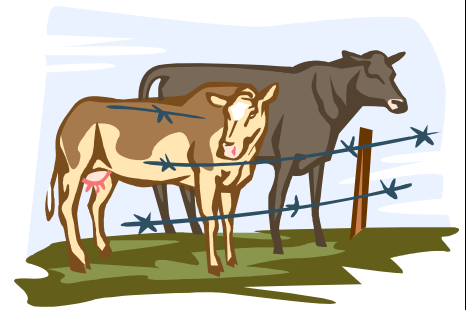
The following words are new vocabulary your child has learned while reading “Yippee-Yay!”:

ranchers	corral
tending	stray
profit	market

Discuss the meanings of these words with your child. Then have your child write each word on an index card and arrange the cards in alphabetical order. Have your child choose one word and create a story around that word.

A Special Family

Talk with your child about how ranchers use a symbol on their gates and cattle to identify the ranch. Explain that when designing a symbol ranchers think of a special feature of their ranch. Talk about some of the things that are special about your family. Decide with your child how to illustrate these traits to make a family symbol. You can draw the family symbol together and explain it to other family members.



TIME TO READ

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

