

Tricksters and Tall Tales

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about traditional stories, with a focus on story genres, such as tall tales, trickster tales, and legends. We will read texts and view videos about what lessons you can learn from characters in traditional tales.

Children will also write an expository essay to tell why it is important to consider the results of their actions.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

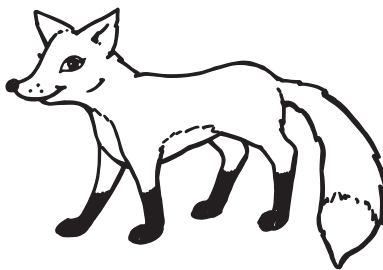
Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to help build your child's knowledge about the topic:

- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them.
- Share with your child your own questions about the topic, and work together to find the answers.

Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is traditional stories. Discuss with your child the characteristics of traditional stories, such as they often teach a lesson and include characters that are animals or have exaggerated abilities.

Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.



Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *trickster*, *shrewd*, *exaggeration*, and *legendary* in everyday conversations with your child. Use prompts like these:
Name some characters that are **tricksters**. Describe something that is **legendary**.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with the suffixes *-ion*, *-ity*, *-ty* and prefixes *mis-*, *pre-*, *dis-* in books and online texts.