


<b>From the desk of Ms. Gray</b>		Week of Mar. 31, 2014	
<a href="http://www.MsGrays3rdGrade.weebly.com">www.MsGrays3rdGrade.weebly.com</a>			
Our class will read	<b>The House on Maple Street</b>	Realistic Fiction	
Unit 5 Lesson 1		<a href="https://www.sraimagineit.com/g_login.html">https://www.sraimagineit.com/g_login.html</a>	

Our class will be reading "The House on Maple Street," a story that describes some of the things that have happened on the land where 107 Maple Street now sits. Hundreds of years ago, the area was covered with forests. Native Americans arrived first and, later, European and American settlers came in wagon trains. Some of them stayed and built houses on the land. Over time, the houses they built grew old and had to be torn down. Today, a family with two girls, a dog, and a cat lives in a modern house at 107 Maple Street.

After your child has finished reading "The House on Maple Street," you may want to complete this activity. Have your child look carefully at the illustrations for this story. One illustration shows a scene from the 1800s and another shows a scene from the late 1900s. Ask your child to identify at least three similarities and three differences between the two periods in the table below

SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES

### Selection Vocabulary

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the meanings of these words with your child

- fierce** - strong and wild, raging;
- sturdy** - strong, hardy;
- stump** - part of tree left over after cutting away at the trunk;
- settler** :- a person who makes a new home in a new land or country; **settlers**-plural form of settler
- burrow** :- a hole in the ground where some animals live; **burrows**-plural form of burrow
- trickle** - a small amount;
- crumble:** - to fall to pieces; **crumbling**-a form of the verb crumble
- treasure** - something special, a keepsake, **treasures**-plural form of treasure

### Spelling Words

Your child will be studying the following spelling words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the spellings of these words with your child:

mismatch	unclear	reread	refund
unzip	misprint	unload	mislead
preheat	restart	prefix	unfair
recount	misplace	preview	