


From the desk of Ms. Gray		Week of May 12, 2014
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Our class will read	The Disappearing Island	Realistic Fiction
Unit 5 Lesson 4		https://www.sraimagineit.com/g_login.html

Our class will be reading "The Disappearing Island" a story about a woman who takes her granddaughter for a ride in a small motorboat. They visit an island that is visible only when the ocean's tide is low. When the tide is high, the island disappears beneath the water. One hundred years ago, the island was much larger and people lived on the island. Today, however, nothing remains but sand and shells which are buried under the water during high tide.

This story takes place in Welfleet, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. In one part of this town, the bridge is under water when the tide is high. During this time, people cannot move between their homes and the village if they are on the opposite side of the bridge.

After your child has finished reading "The Disappearing Island" you may want to ask him or her what it would be like to live in a place where people have to plan their daily activities according to the ocean tides. Would life be easier or more difficult? What might be good or bad about living in such a place?

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

- voyage** -to journey by water or through space ;
- tide** -the rise and fall of the sea;
- sheltered** -protected from danger;
- ripples** -plural form of **ripple**: a design created by waves;
- eroding** -wearing or washing away slowly;
- acres** -plural form of acre: a measurement equal to 43,560 square feet;
- about 1 ½ football fields
- claim** -to take as one's own;
- toppled** -past tense of **topple**: to fall or make fall forward

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:

live	lively	relive	living
honor	honorable	honest	honesty
direct	director	direction	indirect
doubt	doubtful	undoubted	