



## 4th Grade - Student and Parent Newsletter

### Lesson 14 The Life and Times of the Ant

#### Vocabulary:

social	relating to the way people live together
transport	carry from one place to another
exchanges	giving one thing and getting another
scarce	hard to find
excess	extra
reinforce	make stronger
storage	a place to keep supplies
chamber	a room
obstacles	things in the way
transfers	moves from one place to another

Vocabulary Strategy: Suffixes -able, -ible

#### Target Skill and Strategy:

- Text and graphic features: headings, captions, maps, diagrams, charts that help you organize information so it is easier to understand
- Question: pause to ask yourself questions before, during, and after reading

#### Grammar Skill: Identify and use present and past participles and participial phrases

- Participles: a verb form that can be used as an adjective
- Present participle: expresses present tense by adding -ing
- Past participle: expresses past tense by adding -ed
- Participial phrase: describes a noun; can use participial phrases to combine sentences

#### Spelling Pattern:

- Words with final long e (review and challenge words are final two rows, respectively)

turkey	lonely	colony	steady	hungry
fifty	valley	hockey	starry	melody
movie	daily	duty	drowsy	chimney
plenty	alley	empty	injury	prairie
cherry	jelly	sticky	worry	curly
envy	fiery	mercy	discovery	mystery