# Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## What’s the Big Idea?

Dear Parent,

We are learning about main idea and details. I hope you enjoy this activity with me.

This assignment is due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Sincerely,

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 Student Signature



#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

* The **main idea** is what the story is mostly about.
* The **details** in the story support the main idea.

#### LET’S DO THIS

1. Work with a family partner. Who is working with you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ask your family partner: Think of when you were my age in 3rd grade.

 Tell me something funny, important, or serious

 that happened to you in 3rd grade.

Listen carefully. YOU make a list of the **important details** that you hear.

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 **LET’S FIND OUT**

What is the main idea of your family partner’s story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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With your family partner, think of a good title for this story.

 Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tell your family partner: What is your favorite part of the story? Why?

Draw a picture illustrating one part of your family partner’s story.

Include as many details as you can.

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**HOME-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

Dear Parent,

Please give your reactions to your child’s work on this activity.

Write YES or NO for each statement.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. My child understood the homework and was able to complete it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. My child and I enjoyed the activity.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. This assignment helped me know what my child is learning in class.

Comment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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