This week your child is reading *Sacagawea*, a biography of the Shoshone woman who accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition from 1804 to 1806.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Ask your child to imagine that he or she is about to take a long trip across our country. Interview your child about this upcoming trip. Try to use some of these words in your discussion.

route  landmark  territory  accompany  supplies

**Details, Please**  Play a game with your child. Make several general statements about where you live, such as “It is warm in ______.” Then ask your child to name details that support the statements. Some examples:

It rarely freezes where we live.  It never snows here.
People come here to swim all year round.

**Challenge**  Help your child to make a travel brochure about the place where you live. Include some of the details you discussed.

**Map It**  Together, use websites or library books to find out details about the Lewis and Clark expedition. Then use a United States map to trace their route. Talk about the different places that are now found along that route.
The Return of Lewis and Clark  Read and discuss this news article with your child.

Expedition Led by Lewis and Clark Returns

St. Louis, Missouri, September 23, 1806—After more than two years and thousands of miles, the Corps of Discovery has returned to our town today. Led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, this expedition suffered from hunger, fatigue, and sickness as they forged westward in search of a passage to the Pacific Ocean.

Along the way, the travelers encountered different Indian tribes. With the generous help of these people, Lewis and Clark found their way to the Pacific Ocean and back to us. According to the Corps’ leaders, there was only one incident of violence along the way. The expedition fired three rounds as they approached our town at noon. They arrived near the center of our town and were greeted by as much fanfare as our settlement could muster. Let us all congratulate Lewis and Clark on their mission’s success.

A Plaque  Work with your child to make a plaque to commemorate the Lewis and Clark expedition. Who will you include on your plaque? What will you say about them?

Book Links
- Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog’s Tale, by Laurie Myers
- The Last River: John Wesley Powell & the Colorado River Exploring Expedition, by Katherine Applegate

Internet Challenge  Help your child use the Internet to find out about other explorers. Make a chart with the information you find out, including their names, the dates of their explorations, and what they explored and discovered.