This week your child is reading *The Power of W.O.W!* a play about children who save a bookmobile in the town where they live.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Have your child take on the role of a news reporter. Help him or her name a problem in your neighborhood. Then have your child give a news report about the problem. Try to use some of these words.

- assist
- scheme
- favor

**Messages**  The story your child read this week teaches readers that teamwork can get things done. What other books or movies does your child know that have a similar message? How does teamwork help the characters succeed?

**Library Time**  The bookmobile in the story provides library resources for people in the community. Take a trip to your local library to discover the resources it provides. Visit the different sections of the library and discuss the different materials you find in them.

- Play a game with your child. Name some information that you want to find out. Have your child name a library material where you can find the information.
One Tree at a Time  Read and discuss this article about a group of children who took action to solve a problem in their community.

The Tree Musketeers

It was 1987. A group of girls were planning a camping trip near their home in California. They had a decision to make. Should they eat off paper plates or tin plates?

It was very dry where they lived. If the girls used tin plates, they would have to use precious water to clean their plates. If they used paper plates, trees would have to be cut down to make more paper. The girls finally decided that saving trees was more important.

This simple decision changed the girls’ lives forever. After their camping trip, they began to think about how they could help the environment. They decided to plant a tree near their homes.

The girls were so excited about the tree that they decided to work together to plant more trees. They formed a group called the Tree Musketeers. Since that time, this group has helped children all over our country plant over one million trees!

Make a Poster  Work with your child to make a poster that informs people about a problem in your neighborhood.

Book Links

- *Nurk*, by Ursula Vernon
- *The World According to Kaley*, by Dian Curtis Regan  CHALLENGE

Internet Challenge  Together, find a website that tells about a problem that a community helped to solve. Talk about other ways the community may have solved the problem.