Dear Family Member:

Ben Franklin was a printer, statesman, newspaper owner, and inventor. He was a very creative person with many wonderful ideas. He liked solving problems.

In the 1700s, all houses were made of wood. If lightning struck a house, it burned to the ground. Franklin solved the problem. I can’t wait to finish How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning and find out how he did it.

This Week’s Skills

Comprehension: problem and solution
Vocabulary: idioms
Spelling: words with ar and ors

Words to Know

Nowadays, independence, mischief, convinced, handy, hilarious, dizzy, whirlwind, award, guard, smart, charge, worn, warp, bonyard, carpet, core, sparrow, argument, charge.

Spelling Words

door, morning, core, award, bore, fort, spark, carpet, charge.

R Makes the Difference

 Pronounce each spelling word. Then pronounce the sound of the vowel plus the r makes. Tell me how the r makes a difference in the way a vowel is usually pronounced.

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# Who Invented What and Where?

We can solve the Invention Mystery. Here’s how:

1. Read the first clue. Write X to show which choices you can rule out.
2. Read the remaining clues and write X or Y for yes.
3. Look across and down as you fill in the chart adding X and Y where you can.

**Clues:**

- Chester Greenwood did not invent the bicycle or rubber bands.
- Ernest Michaux did not invent rubber bands or earmuffs.
- The person who invented rubber bands did not live in North America.
- The person who invented rubber bands lived in England.
- The person who invented the bicycle lived in France.
- The person who invented rubber bands did not live in France.

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