

### Dear CCS Students:

The story for this week is When a Dragon Moves in written by Jodi Moore, and illustrated by Howard McWilliam. Did you ever think, that if you built a perfect sandcastle, a dragon would move in? Well, that's exactly what happens to one very lucky boy at the beach. Dad is busy sunbathing and Mom is busy with her book, so the boy and dragon roam the beach together, flying a kite, braving the waves, and roasting marshmallows. But no one believes him when he shares the news of his magnificent dragon: Mom only hears the roar of the ocean, Dad thinks the dragon feather is a seagull feather, and know-it-all Sis claims there's no such thing as a dragon. That's when the sandwiches

mysteriously disappear, claw prints are found in the brownies, and dragon-giggles erupt from the strangest of places. Heh-heh. Is there truly a mischievous dragon running around on the beach or is someone's imagination running wild?

## **Before listening** to the story, think about:

- 1. Building sandcastles
- 2. Dragons
- 3. Using your imagination

# While you are listening to the story:

Give a thumbs up for something that can really happen (reality). Give a thumbs down for things for things that are not real (fantasy).

Go to <a href="http://www.storylineonline.net/when-a-dragon-moves-in/">http://www.storylineonline.net/when-a-dragon-moves-in/</a> and listen to the story.

**After listening**, build a cup castle! Directions are on the next page.

We hope you enjoyed this story!

Your Library Ladies

Build a Cup Castle

### **MATERIALS** —

Plastic cups Tape measure Paper Pencil

#### PROCEDURE —

- 1. Use paper cups to build a cup castle. The castle should be as tall as possible.
- 2. Think about different ways you might try to build the tallest castle.
- 3. Count and record the number of cups you used to build the castle.
- 4. Measure the height of your castle using a tape measure and record on your paper.