LET'S READ TOGETHER

In this story, Peter writes his friend Amy a special invitation to his birthday party. On his way to the mailbox, the letter blows out of his hand and he knocks Amy down trying to get it back. Peter worries that Amy won’t come to his party, but she does, which makes Peter very happy. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to why mailing the invitation to Amy was so important to Peter.

LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to A Letter to Amy:

- invite, to ask someone to do something with you or go to a place together
- reflection, an image thrown back by something shiny, like a mirror or water
- seal, to close tightly
- spoiled, something ruined
- wish, to want something to be true or to happen
- worried, feeling concerned because you think that something bad has happened

LET'S PLAY

Plan a Party

In the story, Peter invites Amy to his birthday party. Explain to your child that Peter sends an invitation with information, like the time, date, and place of the party. Pick a real or imaginary occasion, and encourage your child to make a party invitation. Ask your child about whom they are inviting and about the party they are planning. For example, “Will this be a large party with lots of friends? Maybe you’ll need to have it outside at the playground.” Provide help as needed as they write their invitation. Encourage your child to decorate the invitation with stickers, pictures, or designs. Extend the play by making decorations or pretend food for the party.