



JANUARY READ TO SUCCEED  
K-5 FAMILY SUPPORT

# Literacy Skills Toolkit

## Skill Focus: Opinion



**What:** An opinion is a statement that expresses a feeling, belief, or attitude about something. It cannot be proven true or false.

**What:** It's important to be able to explain our opinions clearly, show respect for others opinions, and think critically about an author's opinion.

**How:** Look for words like "best," "worst," "amazing," "terrible," or "I believe." Facts remain true regardless of who states them and can be checked by reliable sources. If reasonable people disagree, it is likely an opinion.

### Questions to ask your child:

- How can you tell if someone is sharing a fact or telling you what they think?
- If someone disagrees with you about your favorite book, does that make either of you wrong?
- Let's play a game. I'll say something and you tell me if it's a fact or an opinion.
  - The sky is blue.
  - Pizza is the tastiest food.
  - Dogs have four legs.
  - Summer is better than winter.



### January Resources:

Explore the [reading curriculum](#) your child is experiencing at school this year (Unit 5).

### January Literacy Activities:

- Join us for DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) for 30 minutes on January 2. Share what you're reading with us on social media using #SPSreadtosucceed.
- Check out a "[School's Out Workshop](#)" through the Springfield Little Theater (registration fee required).
- Attend a program through the Springfield-Greene County Library:
  - [We Love Comics: The Pancake Problem](#) (ages 6-8)
  - [Winter Reading Pals](#) (ages 5-12)
  - [Dog Man Celebration](#) (ages 6-12)
- When your child brings their student magazine home at the end of the unit, be sure to look at the Take-Home Activity Calendar on the back! There are activities to do together that reinforce their recent classroom learning. Here are the [Unit 4 Take-Home Activity Calendars](#), which should come home this month!