

Dear Family:

A new school year has launched! This year, I will be using a program called ***Fundations® Level 3***. All levels of Fundations provide a systematic and explicit approach to reading and spelling with phonics. In Level 3, emphasis is placed on advanced word structure, spelling, vocabulary, and cursive handwriting. We will combine instruction in these areas with the reading of a wide variety of literature including poetry, narrative, and expository text.

When a child has a **“coach”** in addition to a classroom teacher, the child makes significant academic progress. Let’s be a **“team”** – I will be the teacher, and you the coach. I will be sending you the necessary tools to take on your coaching role. I will keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom and I will also provide you with suggestions and a guide as to what you can be doing at home.

Please read the Fundations letters I send home. Your child will be asked to identify language concepts in words through a process called marking, and these letters will show you how to mark up words. They will also contain updates, program information, and activity ideas. Set aside time to do these activities with your child. Monitor your child’s progress and share any accomplishments and concerns with me.

I look forward to a very successful year as we work together with your child!

Sincerely,

