

Dear Family:

We are now ready for you to be your child's Coach. If your child had Foundations® in Kindergarten, Unit 1 is mostly review and will go quickly. If your child did not have Foundations in Kindergarten, do not become discouraged with the pace of the progress. It may appear to be slow moving, but it is laying the necessary foundations for your child to be a fluent, independent reader.

During the next few weeks, I will be reviewing:

- The sequence of the alphabet.
- Letter formation from **a** to **z**.
- The letter name, a keyword and sound for the consonants:
b c d f g h j k l m n p q r s t v w x y z
- The letter name, a keyword and sound for the short vowels:
a e i o u

The keyword is a specific word which we will use to help your child master each sound. Notice the letter **y** is not included as a vowel. This comes later. If **y** begins a word it is considered a consonant and for now, it will only begin words.

Please work with your child to reinforce the above concepts. See the attached activity suggestions in order to do this. If you have any questions, please write them down and I shall get back to you.

WE ARE OFF!

Sincerely,

