



Dear Parents,

Your child will be participating in the following English Language Arts units of study this quarter:



Tell a Story, 1-2-3

Exploring with Friends in the Neighborhood



Reading Literature and Informational Text

As beginning readers, students will learn about key details and unknown words in stories and in informational texts read aloud. Students will also ask and answer questions, identify main topic, and identify characters, setting, and major events.

Reading Foundational Skills (Word Knowledge and Fluency)

Students will learn about print as they follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page. They will learn that words are separated by spaces in print and work on recognizing and naming all upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet. Recognizing and producing rhyming words will be a focus. Students will be expected to say the most common sound for consonant letters and read common sight words such as: *the, of, to, you, she, my, is, are, do, and does*. Using known letter sounds, they will begin to read simple words such as “hot.”

Writing

Students will use drawing, dictating and writing to tell stories with more than one event, and include a reaction to the event. They will focus on sticking to one topic and adding details to improve their writing.

Listening and Speaking

When participating in discussions, students will listen to others and take turns speaking as they describe familiar people, places, things, and events. Kindergartners will be expected to speak in a voice that can be heard and understood as they demonstrate understanding of a presentation or text read aloud.

Language (Conventions of Standard English and Vocabulary)

As they listen to their teachers read kindergarten texts, students will learn and use new words and phrases. Students will use frequently occurring nouns and verbs. They will learn to spell by saying words slowly and writing down the sounds they hear. To show understanding of verbs and adjectives, students will identify opposites.

Handwriting & Keyboarding

Students will learn to form basic manuscript strokes. With assistance, they will begin learning to print upper and lower case letters as well as their first and last names. Kindergartners will also begin learning basic keyboarding skills this quarter. They will practice using the mouse and begin identifying numbers and letters on the keyboard.