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Dear First Grade Families,

Throughout the year, students will develop their skills as readers, writers and thinkers across the curriculum. This letter will describe the second literacy unit and what you can do at home to support your student's learning.

Focus

In this second unit, the focus is on informational reading and writing. Students will learn from the informational books they read and will write informational books to teach others. They will begin to "research" by using information to learn about various topics. Students will also deepen their skills and strategies for partner work. Reading and writing partnerships will practice giving meaningful feedback to expand reading and writing.

Home Support

You can help your child at home in several ways:

- Read to your child every night.
- Talk with your child about their reading and writing. Ask about:
 - What important information did you learn?
 - How does that information compare to what you already know?
- Look at the work your child brings home. Praise your child for his/her hard work!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team