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Dear Fourth Grade Families,

Welcome to unit two in literacy!!

### **Focus**

This second unit will focus on non-fiction reading and writing. Students will read informational text and develop their understanding of topic and how they are presented. They will look at details writers choose to include in text to help them generate ideas about topics. They will also think about how authors structure the information they present (for example, cause/effect, problem/solution) to further develop their ideas about those topics. As writers, they will write about a topic on which they have some knowledge, supporting it with some research and presenting it with a specific structure.

### **Home Support**

You can help your child at home in several ways:

- Encourage your child to read every night.
- Talk with your child about what they read. Ask about (in non-fiction):
  - The topic (what is it?),
  - The details the author chooses to present,
  - How the author presents those details (in a sequence, as part of a solution to a problem)
  - What the details, and how the author presents them, make us think about the topic.
- Find the best time and place for homework and establish a routine.
- Talk to your child about his/her day at school. Share the day's ups and downs.
- Look at the work your child brings home. Praise your child for his/her hard work!

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team