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Dear Kindergarten Families,

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

Focus

In the second unit, students will focus on growing as readers and writers. Students will listen to stories read aloud and will read their own books alone and with partners. They will retell stories with each other and with support from their teacher. Also, they will use what they know about reading and telling stories to write and rewrite stories that others will read. As writers, they will begin to include words and sentences in their stories.

Home Support

You can help your child at home in several ways:

- Read to your child every night.
- Talk with your child about what they read and write. Ask about:
 - Characters, setting, and problem in the story
 - How is the character the same and different from characters in other books?
- 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!
- Encourage your child to engage in writing activities (e.g., making lists and signs, etc.)

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team