

Dear Family:

I am now introducing Unit 2 in Foundations®. Your child is going to:

- Learn phonemic awareness skills.
- Blend, read, and spell short vowel words with three sounds.
- Learn or review six words by memory: **a, and, the, is, his, of**. These are called Trick Words because they cannot be sounded out. Instead, your child needs to learn these by memorizing them.
- Learn capitalization, punctuation, and word spacing for sentence dictation.
- Retell stories in detail and sequence.

It is important for your child to recognize and be able to hear and “move around” the beginning, ending and middle sounds of a word.

As always **your help** is appreciated to keep your child on track.

To help your child focus on sounds, you can play word games such as **“I’m Thinking of an Object”** and **“Change That Word.”**

The directions are on the following pages.

Also, make flashcards on index cards for the Trick Words. Have your child read these quickly each night. Throughout the year, I will have you make more Trick Word flashcards to practice.

Remember to have FUN! Also, please write down any questions you might have, and I shall get back to you.

Sincerely,

