

Dear Family:

A new school year has been launched! This year, I shall be using a program called **Fundations® Level 2**. (You can learn more about it online at www.fundations.com.) Fundations provides a systematic and explicit approach to reading and spelling with phonics. Research indicates that systematic and explicit phonics instruction is effective for all children. We will combine this phonics instruction with the reading of good literature, which is just as important for your child's development.

Research also proves that when a child has a "Coach" in addition to a classroom teacher, the child makes significant progress. Let's be a "team" - I shall be the teacher, and you the Coach.

In order to take on that role, I will send you the necessary tools. You shall be kept informed of what is happening in the classroom and you shall be given suggestions and a guide as to what can be happening at home.

Please read the Fundations letters that I send home. These letters will contain updates, program information, and activity suggestions. Set aside time to do the home activities with your child. Monitor your child's progress and share successes as well as concerns with me. (This pack includes reference material which you will need for upcoming lessons.)

I look forward to a very successful year as we work together with your child!

Sincerely,



