

Dear Families,

Our first spelling test will be Friday, September 9th! Our goals are to master breaking words down into their individual sounds and develop a deep understanding of sound-symbol relationships and word patterns. To accomplish this, each week we will work with a limited set of letters to make a number of words that follow a predetermined phonics pattern. Students will strengthen phonemic awareness skills as they listen for differences in words and match the sequence of sounds they hear to the set of letters they are using for the week. Each Friday, students will show their knowledge of that week's phonics pattern by writing ten words that are dictated. These ten words will only use the specific set of letters and the phonics pattern that we worked on during the week.

You will find the weekly phonics patterns, letter sets and letter tiles attached to this letter. Use the letter tiles to practice building and reading words at home. If your child seems to have mastered the current week's phonics focus, please feel free to work ahead on upcoming phonics patterns. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Thanks for all that you do,

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Week of	Phonics Focus	Letters to Use	Examples
September 6 th	Short Vowel <i>a</i>	<i>a</i> <i>c, m, n, p, t</i>	<i>cat, pan</i>
September 12 th	Short Vowel <i>e</i>	<i>e</i> <i>n, p, s, t, w</i>	<i>pen, nets</i>
September 19 th	Short Vowels <i>a</i> and <i>e</i>	<i>a, e</i> <i>b, d, g, l, s, t</i>	<i>set, bags</i>
September 26 th	Short Vowel <i>i</i>	<i>i</i> <i>f, l, n, p, s, t, z</i>	<i>pin, lit</i>
October 3 rd	Short Vowels <i>e</i> and <i>i</i>	<i>e, i</i> <i>b, g, n, p, t, y</i>	<i>pen, tip</i>
October 11 th	Short Vowel <i>o</i>	<i>o</i> <i>b, f, h, p, s, t, x</i>	<i>fox, hop</i>
October 17 th	Short Vowels <i>o</i> and <i>a</i>	<i>o, a</i> <i>c, l, m, p, t</i>	<i>map, cot</i>
October 24 th	Short Vowel <i>u</i>	<i>u</i> <i>b, c, n, r, s, t</i>	<i>run, bus</i>
October 31 st	Short Vowels <i>u</i> and <i>o</i>	<i>u, o</i> <i>b, c, n, s, t, p</i>	<i>sob, but</i>
November 7 th	Short Vowels <i>a, e, i, o,</i> and <i>u</i>	<i>a, e, i, o, u</i> <i>b, p, t</i>	<i>pet, tub</i>
November 14 th	/Blends	<i>a, i</i> <i>c, f, l, n, p, s</i>	<i>clip, plan</i>
November 28 th	<i>r</i> Blends	<i>a, i</i> <i>b, d, g, p, r, t</i>	<i>drag, grip</i>
December 5 th	<i>s</i> Blends	<i>i, o</i> <i>l, n, p, r, s, t</i>	<i>split, stop</i>
December 12 th	Ending Blends <i>nt</i> and <i>nd</i>	<i>a, e</i> <i>b, d, l, n, s, t</i>	<i>sent, band</i>
January 3 rd	Ending Blends <i>st</i> and <i>ft</i>	<i>e, i</i> <i>b, l, m, n, s, t</i>	<i>best, melt</i>
January 3 rd	Ending Blend <i>mp</i>	<i>a, u</i> <i>b, c, d, j, m, p</i>	<i>camp, jump</i>
January 9 th	<i>qu</i> Blend	<i>qu</i> <i>a, e, i</i> <i>d, l, s, t,</i>	<i>quit, squid</i>
January 9 th	<i>qu</i> and <i>k</i>	<i>qu</i> <i>e, i</i> <i>d, k, l, s, t</i>	<i>kilt, quilt</i>
January 17 th	Long <i>A</i>	<i>a, e</i> <i>d, k, m, n, s, t</i>	<i>name, takes</i>
January 23 rd	Long and Short <i>A</i>	<i>a, e</i> <i>c, g, l, m, n, p</i>	<i>pan, pane</i>

January 30 th	Long I	<i>e, i</i> <i>b, k, l, m, t, v</i>	<i>kite, live</i>
February 6 th	Long and Short <i>I</i>	<i>e, i</i> <i>d, n, p, r, s, v</i>	<i>pin, pine</i>
February 13 th	Long <i>O</i>	<i>e, o</i> <i>l, n, p, r, s, t</i>	<i>rope, snore</i>
February 21 st	Long and Short <i>O</i>	<i>e, o</i> <i>b, h, n, p, r, t</i>	<i>hot, prone</i>
February 27 th	Long <i>U</i>	<i>e, u</i> <i>b, c, f, l, r, t</i>	<i>cube, flute</i>
March 6 th	Long and Short <i>U</i>	<i>e, u</i> <i>b, c, d, h, n, t</i>	<i>tub, dune</i>
March 13 th	Long Vowels <i>ee, ie,</i> <i>ξ ue</i>	<i>ee, ie, ue</i> <i>b, f, l, r, t</i>	<i>lie, free</i>
March 20 th	Long ξ Short Vowels	<i>a, e, i, o, u</i> <i>m, n, t</i>	<i>time, nut</i>
4	Digraph <i>sh</i>	<i>sh</i> <i>a, e, i, o, u</i> <i>d, f, h, m, n, p, s, t</i>	<i>shame, mash, hit</i>
April 10 th	Digraph <i>th</i>	<i>th</i> <i>a, e, i</i> <i>b, h, m, n, p, t</i>	<i>thin, bathe, tan</i>
April 17 th	Digraph <i>ch</i>	<i>ch</i> <i>a, i, o, u</i> <i>c, h, l, m, n, p, r, t</i>	<i>chin, punch, hop</i>
April 24 th	Digraph <i>wh</i>	<i>wh,</i> <i>a, e, i</i> <i>h, l, m, n, p, t, w</i>	<i>whale, white, wet</i>
May 1 st	Vowel Pairs <i>ee ξ oo</i>	<i>ee</i> <i>d, f, l, p, s, t, w</i> <i>oo</i> <i>b, m, n, r, t, z</i>	<i>sleep, feet</i> <i>moon, broom</i>
May 8 th	Vowel Pairs <i>ai, oa ξ</i> <i>ea</i>	<i>ai, oa, ea</i> <i>d, l, m, n, r</i>	<i>road, mean, nail</i>