Dear Parents,

Foundational skills block is the reading instruction we do with your children. It is meant to be an hour everyday focused on reading and practicing particular skills. Below are the cycles (weekly instruction) that students would be doing at school.

Please read the engagement text to your child; then have your child complete the comprehension questions.

Please read the decodable reader with your child and have them complete the activities.

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers

Foundational Skills - Cycle 19

Looking for Mars

- the focus of Looking for Mars is introducing r-controlled vowels “a” and “o”.
- find and circle the r-controlled words (mars, stars, etc.)
- write the words in the back of the book.
- the high frequency words in Looking for Mars are:
  - again
  - bye
  - could
  - would
  - does
  - knew
  - but
  - around
  - or
  - just
- find and circle the high frequency words
- write the words in the back of the book.
Foundational Skills - Cycle 20

Sam’s Hammer

- the focus of *Sam’s Hammer* is introducing r-controlled vowels “i”, “u”, and “e”.
- find and circle the r-controlled words (hammer, perform, etc.)
- write the words found in the back of the book.
- the high frequency words in *Sam’s Hammer* are:
  - about
  - around
  - old
  - over
- find and circle the high frequency words
- write the words in the back of the book.

Foundational Skills - Cycle 21

Sam’s Throat Hurts!

- the focus of *Sam’s Throat Hurts!* is introducing vowel teams “oa”, “ai”, and “ea”
- find and circle the vowel team words (throat, meal, etc.)
- write the words found in the back of the book.
- the high frequency words in *Sam’s Throat Hurts!* are:
  - good
  - only
  - very
  - would
  - should
  - eat
  - after
- find and circle the high frequency words
- write the words in the back of the book.

Foundational Skills - Cycle 22

Pat’s Birthday

- the focus of *Pat’s Birthday* is introducing vowel teams “ay”, and “ow”
- find and circle the vowel team words (Monday, birthday, etc.)
- write the words found in the back of the book.
Foundational Skills- Cycle 23

A Little Seed
- the focus of A Little Seed is introducing vowel teams "ee" and "y" as e
- find and circle the vowel teams words (seed, tiny, etc.)
- write the words found in the back of the book.
- the high frequency words in A Little Seed are:
  soon
  under
  little
  every
  really
  one
  anymore
- find and circle the high frequency words
- write the words in the back of the book.

Foundational Skills- Cycle 24

Night Skies
- the focus of Night Skies is introducing vowel team "ie" and the spelling pattern "igh"
- find and circle the vowel team words (night, skies, etc.)
- write the words found in the back of the book.
- the high frequency words in Night Skies are:
  have
  sometimes
  through
- find and circle the high frequency words
- write the words in the back of the book.