Dear Family,

We are now working in Unit 10 of the **Fun**dations[®] program. During the next 2 weeks, we will be teaching:

Skill	What is it?	How can you help at home?
Double Vowel Syllable (Vowel Teams)	Vowel team syllables have a double vowel (d) combination, two vowels next to one another. When we mark words that have a double vowel, we use a lower case d. ai – bait - /ā/ ay – play - /ā/ Ex. $watd$ d ĭ s p lay d ĭ s p lay d	 Dictate the word and have your child repeat the word. Have your child tap out the word. Vowel teams get one tap. Have your child spell the word. Example words: <i>maid, braid, faint, tray, birthday, explain, complain, Sunday, delay</i>

Did you know?

Reading words with vowel teams may not be as tricky as spelling them. We have taught three ways to spell the long \bar{a} sound (Ex. safe, bait, play). When you dictate a word that has a long \bar{a} sound, have your child check a resource to determine the correct spelling.

For additional practice activities, you may contact your child's teacher. Remember to have FUN!

Sincerely, The 2nd Grade Team