Dear Family,
We are ready to begin Unit 2 in Fundations ${ }^{\circledR}$. During the next 2 weeks, we will be teaching or reviewing:

| Skill | What is it? | How can you help at home? |
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| Bonus letter spelling rule | When a 1-syllable word ends in f , I , or s , a second $\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{l}$, or s is added when spelling the word. <br> Ex. p uff | - Dictate the word and have your child repeat the word. <br> - Have your child tap out the word - bonus letters get one tap. <br> - Have your child spell the word. <br> Example words: dress, thrill, gruff, stiff, still |
| Glued sounds | A glued sound is one in which letters have their own sounds but are difficult to separate. <br> all-ball-/all/ an-fan-/an/ am-ham-/am/ <br> ang-fang-/ang/ ing-ring-/ing/ ong-song-/ong/ ung-lung-/ung/ <br> ank-bank-/ank/ ink-pink-/ink/ onk-honk-/onk/ unk-junk-/unk/ ex.blang | - Dictate the word and have your child repeat the word. <br> - Have your child tap out the word - glued sounds get one tap. <br> - Have your child spell the word. <br> Example words: thing, blank, swing, junk, strong, stall |

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

## Did you know?

- The following are words that are exceptions to the bonus letter spelling rule: yes, bus, us, of, if, gas, this, plus, pal.

Sincerely,
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade Team

