Dear Family,

We are now working in Unit 7 of the Fundations ${ }^{\circledR}$ program. During the next 3 weeks, we will be teaching:

| Skill | What is it? | How can you help at home? |
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| Open Syllable Type | The open syllable has only one vowel and it does not have a consonant after it. The vowel makes the long sound. <br> Ex. $\underbrace{\mathrm{g} \overline{\mathrm{O}}}_{0}$ | - Dictate the word and have your child repeat the word. <br> - Have your child tap out the word. <br> - Have your child spell the word. <br> Example words: no, flu, silent, remote, basic |
| Y as a Vowel | $\mathbf{Y}$ has two vowel sounds as an open syllable. In a one-syllable word, $\mathbf{y}$ has the long $\mathbf{i}$ sound as in cry. <br> In a multisyllabic word, y usually has the long e sound as in baby. /ē/ <br> Ex. $\underbrace{b \bar{a}} \mathrm{~b}$ <br> 0 | Example words: grumpy, crunchy, bunny, tiny, ruby |

For additional practice activities, you may contact your child's teacher. Have FUN!
Sincerely,
The $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade Team

