## Dear Family,

We are now working in Unit 7 of the **Fun**dations<sup>®</sup> program. During the next 3 weeks, we will be teaching:

Skill	What is it?	How can you help at home?
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. Ex. $g \overline{O}_{O}$	<ul> <li>Dictate the word and have your child repeat the word.</li> <li>Have your child tap out the word.</li> <li>Have your child spell the word.</li> <li>Example words: <i>no, flu, silent, remote, basic</i></li> </ul>
Y as a Vowel	<b>pretend</b> <b>o</b> <b>c</b> <b>Y</b> has two vowel sounds as an open syllable. In a one-syllable word, <b>y</b> has the long <b>i</b> sound as in <b>cry</b> . fi/ <b>Ex. Cry</b> <b>o</b> <b>o</b> <b>o</b> <b>i</b> <b>b</b> <b>a</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b> <b>b</b>	Example words: grumpy, crunchy, bunny, tiny, ruby

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

Sincerely, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team