



Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year, our class will be using the **SIPPS** (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) program for reading instruction. In **SIPPS** the students are divided into small groups for reading instruction. This allows me to teach each group of students exactly what they need to know to progress in their reading. Your child will be bringing home copies of stories they have read in class so that they can practice with you and show you what they've learned.

Beginning readers need a lot of practice. You can support your child with his or her reading at home by:

- ▶ Listening to your child read aloud. If your child has difficulty with a word, simply tell the child the word, and then have him/her reread the sentence.
- ▶ Reading good books aloud to your child. Take advantage of your school and public libraries, and read to your child regularly. Hearing you read will develop your child's love of reading and her/his vocabulary.

Thank you in advance for your support of your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,