

Dear Family:

At last, we are ready to begin the final unit in Foundations®. You have been a wonderful coach and support.

In Unit 5, your child will continue to practice reading sentences in phrases and will learn how to write a sentence. Emphasize capitalization and punctuation.

We will also learn the difference between stories that are real and stories that are make-believe. This is a list of narrative (make-believe) and informational (real) stories to read together.

A Bear Cub Grows Up by Pam Allman (Scholastic; 2005)

A Ladybug's Life by John Himmelman (Scholastic; 1998)

All About Frogs by Jim Aronosky (Scholastic; 2008)

Bear's New Friend by Karma Wilson (Margaret K. McElderry; 2006)

Carl's Sleepy Afternoon by Alexandra Day (Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 2005)

The Frog with the Big Mouth by Teresa Bateman (Whitman, Albert, & Company; 2008)

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle (HarperCollins; 1996)

I'm a Manatee by John Lithgow (Simon & Schuster; 2003)

Manatees by Frank Staub (Lerner; 1998)

Marsupials by Nic Bishop (Scholastic; 2009)

Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow (Simon & Schuster; 2001)

Oceans Alive: Octopuses by Ann Herriges (Bellwether; 2006)

Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud by Donna and Doreen Rathmell (Sylvan Dell; 2006)

The Rottweiler by Charlotte Wilcox (Capstone; 1996)

We have had a wonderful year exploring the world of print. I am so pleased with the progress made this year. Thank you for all of your help at home.

Sincerely,



WEEK 1

or

for

WEEK 2

of

have

WEEK 3

from

→ **Cut words into flashcards. 1.** Each night, help your child **read** the Trick Words. These words must be memorized.

WEEK 4

by

my

WEEK 5

do

WEEK 6

one

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Foundations® Read and Draw Activity

Have your child read the sentence and follow the 'scoops' with a finger while reading. Ask your child to draw a picture below the sentence and tell you about it. Encourage oral expression by asking open-ended questions.

The pup had a nap in the sun.

Mom sat on the log.

Foundations® Read and Draw Activity

Have your child read the sentence and follow the 'scoops' with a finger while reading. Ask your child to draw a picture below the sentence and tell you about it. Encourage oral expression by asking open-ended questions.

The gum is in the bag.

Max had a big dog.

Foundations® Read and Draw Activity

Have your child read the sentence and follow the 'scoops' with a finger while reading. Ask your child to draw a picture below the sentence and tell you about it. Encourage oral expression by asking open-ended questions.

The pig is in the mud.

The cat is in the box.

Foundations® Read and Draw Activity

Have your child read the sentence and follow the 'scoops' with a finger while reading. Ask your child to draw a picture below the sentence and tell you about it. Encourage oral expression by asking open-ended questions.

The bug is in the pot.

Mom and Deb had a sip of pop.



Help Your Child Write Sentences

Use the next several pages for this activity. As you can see, some words are left blank. Your child will write in the missing word.

Remind them to leave a finger-space between words.

Follow These Steps:

1. Dictate a sentence from this list.
2. Have your child repeat the sentence.
3. Your child adds the words to complete the sentence. You may repeat the sentence as often as needed. Have your child tap the sounds in each word to spell it. Note: Do not tap Trick Words (**the, a, is**)
4. When your child has finished writing, re-read the sentence as your child points to each word.
5. Ask, “**Does the first word have a capital letter?**”
6. Ask, “**Do you have a period at the end?**”
7. Check to see if there is a finger space between each word.
8. Help your child make corrections as needed (re-tapping the word).

On Tuesday and Thursday dictate a sentence from below and ask your child to fill in the missing word on the following pages.

Dad had a sip.

Tom had a map.

Tim had a nap.

Pat did the job.

Tom had fun.

Pat had a dog.

The pup is sad.

Mom had fun.

The pup is wet.

Jen had a chip.

The box is shut.

The rug is thick.

Name: _____

Date: _____



Dad a



had a



Tim a

Name: _____

Date: _____



did the



Tom had



had a

Name: _____

Date: _____



The is



had



The is

Name: _____

Date: _____



had a



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