

BUILDING READERS TOGETHER



A Family Newsletter from Your District Reading Specialists

Together, We Make A Difference!

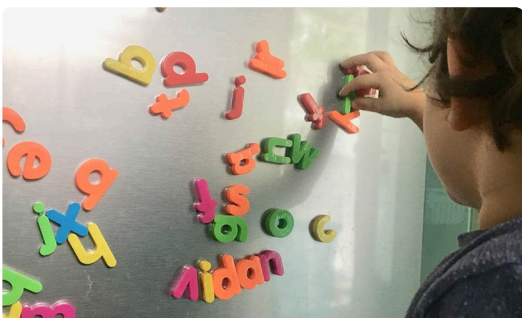
Dear Families,

As we head into the upcoming break, we want to partner with you to support the foundational skills your child needs for reading. These early skills set the stage for future academic success, and families play a powerful role. Below are essential areas we are focusing on districtwide, along with simple ways you can help at home. Your partnership is essential! When schools and families work together, students thrive. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home and for being a vital part of their academic success. We are grateful for you, and we are excited to continue this journey together.

Best Wishes,
District Reading Specialists

NAME CAPITAL & LOWERCASE LETTERS

Knowing the names of capital & lowercase letters helps children recognize print in books, signs, and schoolwork.



RECOGNIZING CAPITAL LETTERS

At home: Ask your child to point out capital letters on packages, street signs, or in a book you read together.

RECOGNIZING LOWERCASE LETTERS

At home: Have your child identify lowercase letters in everyday items such as cereal boxes, mail, menus, or notes around the house.

LETTER RECOGNITION RESOURCES

1. Challenge Videos: Letter Recognition in [4 Seconds](#) and [2 Seconds](#)
2. [Printable Flashcards](#) to practice

MATCHING CAPITAL & LOWERCASE LETTERS

Connecting each capital letter to its lowercase pair helps children build automatic recognition.



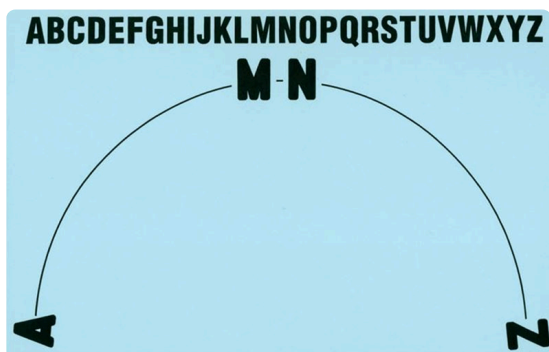
At home: Choose a capital letter and ask, “Which lowercase letter matches this?” Make it a quick car-ride or grocery-store game. Use everyday items in or around the house to play games.

LETTER MATCHING RESOURCES

1. Free Letter Games: [Starfall.com](https://www.starfall.com)
2. [Printable Flashcards](#) to practice

SEQUENCING LETTERS

Understanding letter order supports spelling, alphabetizing, and reading fluency.



At home: Practice putting letters in order using magnetic letters, sticky notes, or alphabet songs, focusing on tricky sections of the alphabet.

LETTER SEQUENCING RESOURCES

1. [Letter Sequencing Activity](#)
2. [Neuhaus: ABC Song/Old McDonald](#)

FOOTSTEPS 2 BRILLIANCE (F2B)

From Foundational to Beginning Reading (F2B) routines help students learn letters through fun, structured games.



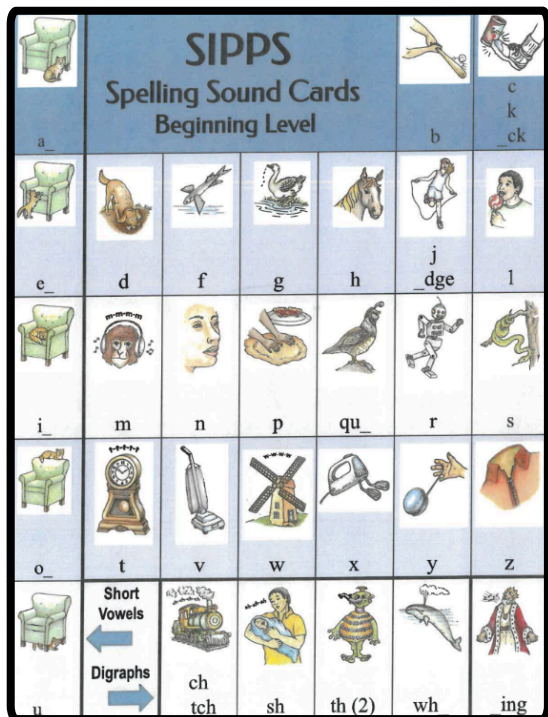
At home: With computer or tablet access, your child can play simple games. Perfect for 5 - 10 minutes a day. Your child has a super secret code to log in [here](#).

F2B RESOURCES

1. Suggested December Activities:
Grades [TK-1st](#) or [2nd-3rd](#)
2. Suggested January Activities:
Grades [TK-1st](#) or [2nd-3rd](#)

CORRECT LETTER SOUND PRONUNCIATION

Children must learn the accurate sounds for each letter so they can blend sounds into words.



At home: Watch our quick video on how to pronounce each sound correctly (no added "uh" sounds like tuh, buh, muh). Practice the sounds with your child using the video as a model.

LETTER SOUND RESOURCES

1. [Letter Sound Video](#)
2. [Printable Letter Sound Sheet](#)
3. Play Interactive Oral Games, Such as:
 - I Spy" with Sounds: "I spy with my little eye, something that starts with the /m/ sound".
 - Point & Say: Instead of asking "What letter is this?", ask, "Show me the letter that says /t/".

ENGLISH/SPANISH SOUND & LETTER CORRESPONDENCE

For many of our students, English & Spanish sounds don't match exactly. Helping children understand this difference supports smoother reading & writing.



At home: We'll share a short explanation video so you can feel confident helping your child in either or both languages.

RESOURCES

1. [Video: Foundations Letter Recognition for Spanish Speaking Families Part 1](#)
2. [Video: Foundations for English Speaking Families Part 2](#)

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING
LEARNING AT
HOME!**

Your partnership makes a powerful difference. Just a few minutes each day helps strengthen the foundation for reading. Try short, playful practice with letters and sounds, enjoy reading together (even for 10 minutes), and encourage your child to share what they see, think, and notice. Most importantly, celebrate their effort and progress. Together, we can help every child grow as a confident, joyful learner.