

Dear Families,

Thank you for attending the Kindergarten Literacy Morning! It was great to see you all enjoying literacy games and activities.

Kindergarten is a critical year as students learn many skills that lay the groundwork for life-long literacy. Foundations is our multisensory, structured language program. Students receive systematic instruction in foundational skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, high frequency words, fluency, vocabulary, handwriting and spelling.

Kindergarten priorities include phonemic awareness, letter formation and sounds, blending & segmenting CVC words and trick word study. Phonemic awareness is all about being able to hear sounds in a word. Play the activities in this folder with your child and help them grow their knowledge of sounds.

Correct letter formation and pencil grip are so important! Writing demands will increase and children need hand strength to keep up. In your folder, check out the pencil grip information and always encourage your children to start their letters from the top.

Blending and segmenting CVC words is an essential skill. Students need to know the letter sounds so they have the ability to tap, blend, read and write simple consonant, vowel, consonant words. The word cards your children read today were all CVC words.

Trick words instruction begins in the later part of kindergarten and will continue through elementary school. These irregular words have at least one tricky or unexpected sound that cannot be sounded out. Students can sound out the regular parts but need to learn the tricky parts by heart.

While all this learning is happening, students are singing, chanting, and reading amazing books throughout the day. The single most important thing that families can do to support literacy instruction is read to kids. The BIT Elementary Literacy website has booklists: <https://www.bitelementaryliteracy.com/> Read before bed, after dinner, on the deck, listen to books on audible in the car...there is really no wrong time to read!

Thank you for supporting your child!

Sincerely,

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