

Dear Families:

As your student is coming to the end of Benchmark Advance Unit 1, we wanted to share information to help you support the development of reading and writing at home.

**Unit Topic & Key Concepts:**

Unit 1: Plants and Animals Grow and Change

- Every living thing has a life cycle in which it grows and changes.
- Many stories include animal characters that grow and change.

**Learning Goals:**

Phonics & Word Study	Reading Comprehension	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonemic Awareness</li><li>• Sounds: i /i/, s /z/, ck /k/</li><li>• Word Families: -at, -ad, -an</li><li>• HFW: the, see, go, she, and</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main Idea and Key Details</li><li>• Making connections</li><li>• Compare and Contrast characters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write a personal response to a text read aloud</li><li>• Common and proper nouns</li><li>• Verbs in past, present, and future</li></ul>

For additional details, review the FCPS Family-Facing Curriculum site: [fcps.edu/academics/curriculum](https://fcps.edu/academics/curriculum)

**Home Activities:**

- Review the Student Magazine and Activity Calendar.
- Talk about the texts your child read at school.
- Try some of the daily activities from the calendar.
- <https://mclass.amplify.com/homeconnect/>