

Dear Grade 1 Families:

As your student is coming to the end of Benchmark Advance Unit 2 we wanted to share information to help you support the development of reading and writing at home. In this unit your student learned about:

**Unit Topic:** Many Kinds of Characters

**Key Concepts:**

- Stories of all kinds, including fairy tales, fables, fantasies, and realistic fiction, have characters who face challenges.
- Stories can teach us that families and communities work best when people make responsible choices and help one another.

**Learning Goals:**

Phonics & Word Study	Reading Comprehension	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phonemic Awareness</li><li>• Sounds: /ě/, /ů/, l blends,</li><li>• Word Families: -ug, -up, -un, -ob, -ot, -ock</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify and describe characters, setting, and major events through story details and illustrations</li><li>• Compare and contract characters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write a narrative text based on a text from the unit</li><li>• Singular and plural nouns with matching verbs</li></ul>

*The bullets above are not exhaustive of all skills and standards covered in this unit. For additional details, review the FCPS Family-Facing Curriculum site: [www.fcps.edu/academics/curriculum](http://www.fcps.edu/academics/curriculum)*

Your child also worked to build knowledge on the unit topic, apply strategies while reading and listening to texts, and demonstrate comprehension through speaking and writing. Please review your child's unit magazine that will also show you how they are progressing in Language Arts.

**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/>