

Dear Grade 2 Families:

As your student is coming to the end of Benchmark Advance Unit 3 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:** Government at Work

**Key Concepts:**

- The U.S. government provides laws and services to help protect the freedom and safety of the people.
- People can contribute to their communities and their government in many different ways.
- The United States can be represented by symbols and documents.
- Historical fiction is a genre that bases its stories and characters on actual events and people from the past

**Learning Goals:**

Phonics & Word Study	Reading Comprehension	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phonemic Awareness</li><li>● Long u vowel team patters</li><li>● R-controlled syllable patterns</li><li>● Inflectional endings (-ed, -ing)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Identify main topic and key details</li><li>● Demonstrate understanding of character, setting, and plot</li><li>● Describe connections and different points of views</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Write an informative text related to the unit focus using sources</li><li>● Past tense irregular verbs</li><li>● Collective nouns &amp; reflexive pronouns</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: [fcps.edu/academics/curriculum](https://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/>