

Dear Kindergarten Families:

As your student is coming to the end of Benchmark Advance Unit 4 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:** Writers Tell Many Stories

**Key Concepts:**

- Characters and their adventures and experiences can entertain us and teach us lessons.
- Stories can show how families and friends care for one another.

**Learning Goals:**

Phonics & Word Study	Reading Comprehension	Writing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phonemic Awareness</li><li>● Short Vowels o, e, i</li><li>● Letters: c, v, y, z, h, x, q</li><li>● Closed syllables</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Identify and describe characters, setting, and major events</li><li>● Compare and contrast characters</li><li>● Describe the relationship between illustrations and the story.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Draw and write an opinion text about a story read aloud</li><li>● Prepositions</li><li>● End Punctuation</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)

**Student Literacy Progress:**

In this Unit, your child completed the following assessments.

- **Weekly Cumulative Phonics Assessments:** *This assessment measures how they are progressing with learning the phonics skills taught and/or reviewed so far this year. These assessments are sent home in your child's weekly folder*

The assessments results above provide teachers with a snapshot of how students are progressing in grade level expectations and are one of many data points that will be considered when assigning progress report scores. They inform teachers of areas where students need additional instruction and practice, so they can continue to work towards mastering grade level standards. You can expect performance on the assessments to increase over time as the students continue to learn and practice their grade level skills.

In addition to these formal assessments, 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/>