

Dear Family:

We are now ready for you to be your child's Coach. In Unit 1, your child will learn (or review) letter names and sounds for the letters a-z, and letter formation for lower-case letters. This is laying the necessary foundation for your child to become a fluent, independent reader.

During the next few weeks, I will be teaching:

- *Letter recognition a-z*
- *Letter formation from a-z for lower-case letters*
- *Sound recognition (consonants and short vowels)*
- *Print awareness*
- *Word awareness*
- *Story re-telling and comprehension*

I will explain these in more detail as we go through the Unit. As you can see, it is a lot! That is why Unit 1 will take us the next 12 weeks.

Each week, I will send home the letters that we are working on in class. Every other week, I will also send home activity suggestions to reinforce skills.

If you have any questions, please write them down and I shall get back to you. WE ARE OFF!

Sincerely,

Important! Please keep each letter page. You will need them to construct an alphabet book when you are in Unit 2.





Review Letter Formations With Your Child

For the next 12 weeks, your child will practice writing the letters in **lower-case**.

Practice the letter formations

You can practice the letter formations at home just like we are practicing them in school. See the attached letters.

We call the special lines our **Writing Grid**. The pictures indicate the names of the lines: the sky line, plane line, grass line and worm line (see below).

As your child traces the letter, guide him or her by reading the directions on the enclosed **Letter Formation Guide**.

Say the verbal step-by-step guidelines while your child traces the **lower-case letter** with his or her **finger**. *Try to do the week's letters every night.* Have your child color the pictures as well.

Remember, you are not only sharing a fun experience but you are being the Coach as well, reinforcing some of the things we are doing in school.

WEEK	LETTERS	WEEK	LETTERS	WEEK	LETTERS
1	t b f	5	o g	9	p j
2	n m	6	d s	10	v w
3	c a	7	e u	11	z q
4	i r	8	l h k	12	y x



SKY LINE



PLANE LINE



GRASS LINE



WORM LINE

