

To the family of _____

Our class is beginning a new program, *SRA Phonics*. It is designed to help your child learn basic skills about sounds, letters, and words. These skills are important as your child begins the process of learning to read.

Our first unit is concerned with the letters of the alphabet. Our class is learning the names of all the alphabet letters and learning to write them as capital and small letters. Below are some fun things you can do at home to reinforce what is being taught at school.

1. **The Alphabet Song** Most children learn the names of the alphabet letters by singing the alphabet song. Why not sing it with your child? Select a time when you are both in a relaxed mood and ask your child to sing along with you.
2. **I See an A** Children love this game which can be played while the family is driving down city streets or walking through a shopping mall. The goal is to find the alphabet letters—in sequence—on signs, billboards, T-Shirts, bumper stickers, etc.

The first child who spots an **A** calls out: "I see an **A**," and points to it. If the child is correct, the group goes on to look for a **B**, and so on. The one with the most correct calls, wins the game.

Sincerely,
