



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We have formally begun teaching the letters of the alphabet. Each 3 Week Themed based Reading Unit provides instruction of the letters. We teach a new letter the first two weeks and the third week is review. The children will learn to identify the upper and lower case of each letter. They will also learn the sound each letter makes. Along with these lessons, the children will practice writing each letter. They will be taught the correct way to hold their pencil, and form each letter. I am sending home letter practice sheets for reinforcement. The idea is not to "perfect" the children's handwriting, but to continue the practice of correct letter formation at an early stage of their writing development. Please see that both pages are completed on the night that they are sent home. All pages must be completed with a pencil. No markers, crayons, or pen! In addition, to reinforce the letter sounds I am asking that the child also find 3 Pictures that begin with the letter we are learning. (Magazines, old books, computer images, etc) It may be necessary for you to supervise this activity. But please do not do it for your child. They must cut out the picture and glue it on the back of the second sheet. Your child should try to write the words themselves Please have him/her sound out the words with you and write the sounds they hear. This models our procedure we use in school.(Kid Writing)

These pages Must Be Brought Back to School the Next School Day. Please keep them attached. I will check their work and give them a Stamp. They will also share their work with their friends in Kindergarten.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Smillie