



Dear Parents,

Last year in kindergarten, your child began the journey to becoming a reader. This school year, your child will continue down the road to become a better reader, speller, and writer with the help of the Superkids Reading Program.

To make sure everyone gets off to a great start, the first-grade program begins with a review of the 26 letters of the alphabet, one sound for each letter, and how to blend the letter sounds to read simple words and stories. Then children will learn more challenging first-grade sound-spelling patterns and apply their new skills as they read every day. In the *Adventures of the Superkids Reader*, children will read engaging stories about their friends, the Superkids. In the Super-Duper mini magazines, children will explore fascinating real-world science and social studies topics. They will also write about their own thoughts and ideas in stories, informational books, book reviews, poems and more!

Since spelling tests are new to first graders, we will have a spelling test every two weeks; whereas in second grade, spelling tests will be given weekly. Your child will bring home backpack pages to practice the spelling words. Spelling lists include **Pattern Words** that follow sound-spelling patterns children are learning. You can help your child sound these words out to spell them. Some lists also include **Memory Words**, high-frequency, mostly irregular words. Help your child learn to spell these words from memory.

One Backpack Page each week will help your child develop another important skill, fluency. Fluency is the ability to read smoothly and accurately at a speed that's not too slow or fast. Have your child practice reading aloud the story on the Backpack Page more fluently.

The online parent portal will update you on what your child is learning in Superkids each week. You will be astonished by how much your child will grow as a reader and writer over this school year!