Dear Families: 

**Our Current Unit of Study is:** Unit 1 – Second -Grade Reading Growth Spurt

This unit is made up of three parts.

**Bend 1: Taking Charge of Reading**

* Students will learn how to choose to read their books and how their books want to be read by thinking is this a funny book? A sad book?
* Students will review reading in longer phrases and scooping up words on a page that they know in a snap.
* Students will learn not to only read more and more, but that they also need to think about their books.
* Students will begin to mark their thinking in their books with post it notes to remember all the ideas they have that they will share with a partner.

**Bend 2: Working Hard to Solve Tricky Words**

* Students will learn to roll up their sleeves and to use all they already know to tackle tricky words.
* Students will learn to become flexible word solvers that can use multiple strategies at one time to tackle tricky words.
* Students will learn to notice common beginnings and endings to words that they can read quickly.
* Students will pay close attention to the middle of words and vowel teams that they may encounter to help solve tricky words.
* Students will learn strategies to figure out new vocabulary words.
* Students will learn to check themselves and fix their mistakes as they are reading.

**Bend 3: Paying Close Attention to Authors**

* In this bend students will learn that readers pay attention to the author’s craft- noticing what authors do, why they do it and how.
* Students will notice how an author makes the parts of a story click together.
* Students will learn to think about what the author wants to teach them.