Dear Families:

Here is some information about our current unit of study in reading.

**Unit of Study:** **Unit 2: Becoming Experts Reading Nonfiction**

This current unit of study will be broken up into three bends.

**Bend 1: Thinking Hard and Growing Knowledge**

* In this bend students will learn that nonfiction readers notice details and put them together to learn about a topic, and create questions about those details as they read.
* Students will learn that nonfiction readers ask themselves:
* What is this book teaching me?
* How does this book go? – Students will preview all parts of a book to determine what a book will teach them.

**Bend 2:** **Learning the Lingo of a Topic**

* Students will learn to use the vocabulary of a nonfiction topic as a part of their growing knowledge.
* Students will use text feature to notice and understand key words in a nonfiction text.
* Students will discover how to use the context of the whole page to understand undefined words.
* Students will understand the importance of rereading to grow more information about a topic.
* Students will learn how to use the lingo from the information they read to teach others.

**Bend 3: Reading Across a Topic**

* Students will learn to read multiple texts on a topic.
* Students will think and rethink how information is connected across books.
* Students will find, think, and talk about what is the same and what is different between the subtopics in their texts.