Dear Families: 

**Our Current Unit of Study is:** : Series Reading

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| **Essential Question for this unit:**  How can I use all that I know about fiction to read books in a series by noticing patterns, making predictions, and comparing and contrasting elements across series? |

**In this unit students will learn:**

* How to notice patterns that stretch across a series in order to understand how the series is written and to use patterns to make predictions about the characters, setting, and problem.
* How to navigate trickier patterns and breaks in patterns to grow their understanding of –and ideas about- series books and characters.
* How to work with their reading club to look across series, comparing and contrasting elements to grow their ideas.

**What you can do to help your child practice skills that will be taught in this unit:**

* Read books from within a series either on their own, or with a parent.
* Some great series for second grade are:
  + Henry and Mudge
  + Mr. Putter and Tabby
  + Frog and Toad
  + Nate the Great
  + Cam Jansen
  + Horrible Harry
  + Polk Street School
  + Magic Tree House
  + Junie B. Jones
  + Bailey School Kids
  + A to Z Mysteries
  + Jigsaw Jones
  + Stink and Judy Moody
  + Amber Brown
  + Ramona (Beverly Cleary)
* Things to have your child notice while reading:
  + What patterns are you noticing in your books (repetition, character behavior, similar problems, story elements, settings, etc.)?
  + What predictions can you make based upon the patterns?
  + Can you revise or change your prediction based upon new evidence?