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?