

**Dear First Grade Families:**

During the first three weeks of school our class will be focusing on key skills that will provide a strong foundation for our learning. Here are some activities you can do with your child to help reinforce the skills we’ll be practicing.

**My Words to Know**

**High-Frequency Words**Play a matching game to review the words *I, like, do, to, you, he, can, go, a, has* with your child. Write each word on two index cards or pieces of paper. Turn over the cards, mix them up, and spread them out. Have your child choose a card, read the word, choose another card to turn over, and read the word. If the cards match, the child keeps the cards.

**Letter-Sound Workout**

**Sound Search**Say the word *apple* and have your child say the sound it begins with, say the letter for the sound, and write the letter. Repeat for *insect.* Then say the following letters and have your child find an object or a picture of an object whose name begins with each letter: *m, s, p, t, n, r.*

**Word Workout**

Write the words and sentence below and have your child read them:

mat   sip   nap

Sam   and   Tim   ran.