Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for giving me permission to work with your child on her reading skills. From talking with the classroom teacher, I have determined to work with your child on phonemic awareness. Phonemic awareness is the ability to hear sounds that make up words. After completing a screening assessment with your child, I determined her strength is phoneme blending but she struggles with phoneme segmentation and rhyming. With that in mind, I developed 5 mini-lessons to help better these skills with your child. In the 5 lessons, we will be reading during each lesson. We will then be working on rhyming words and segmenting sounds. The words that we will work on will come from the books we read. Most of these lessons will be done orally but your child will also work on her writing skills as well. One lesson will also focus on reading comprehension but will also be tied into hearing beginning, middle, and ending sounds of words.

That being said, I will be sending some form of homework home with your child each time we have a lesson together. Much of the homework will need to be done with an adult because it is oral and practices what we went over in that day’s lesson. Please encourage your child to tell you about and practice the skills we have worked on during our lessons. Again thank you for letting me work with her and I can’t wait to see improvement in her reading abilities. If you need to contact me please feel free to do so via phone (574)-377-0572 or via email drwhitaker@spartans.manchester.edu.

Sincerely,
Devan Whitaker