



You are likely wondering, "What is Foundations®?"

Research indicates that *systematic* and *explicit phonics instruction* is effective for all children. Foundations provides a systematic and explicit approach to reading and spelling with phonics. We will combine this instruction with the *reading of good literature*, which is just as important for your child's development.

Foundations is systematic

because it follows a very definite sequence for teaching and it follows a very definite procedure to teach those concepts.

Foundations is explicit

because this program does not leave room for guessing. It teaches all concepts directly. The children will review letters and how to form these letters. They will learn sounds using keywords to help them remember. They will soon move on to blend the sounds into words.

As the year progresses, Foundations introduces many aspects of word structure and sentence structure. I shall be sending home guides and activities for all of this.

You are also probably wondering, "How can I become a successful "Coach" in this reading program?"

As a "Coach" you can:

1. Read the Foundations letters that I send home. These letters will contain up-dates, program information, and activity suggestions.
2. Set aside time to do the "home activities" with your child.
3. Monitor your child's progress and share successes as well as concerns with me.

I feel certain that you will find working with your child in Foundations very rewarding.
Your child will treasure your involvement!