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## Dear Family,

## Welcome to Stairway Decodables!

These fiction books for young children concentrate on specific phonic sounds and words commonly found in reading materials for this level. As your child progresses from book to book, they will be building upon previously covered step-by-step phonics skills. The eye-catching illustrations and engaging recurring characters are sure to capture your child's interest.

From time to time, your child will bring home a copy of a book he or she has read in class. Homeschool connections make reading and learning more meaningful. When you take time to read these books with your child, you will not only provide the necessary practice early readers need, but you will also be creating memorable experiences for you to share.

Each child acquires reading skills at a different pace. As you begin to read the decodable with your child, start by inviting him or her to read it aloud to you. If your child needs a bit of support while reading, run your hand under the words as the two of you read aloud together. Remember, this should be a relaxed and enjoyable experience. Allow time for your child to discuss the illustration and story in the book. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce other new words related to the book's concept.

You'll find a list of words at the back of each book. Your child will take pride in demonstrating mastery of the phonics concepts, the multi-syllable words, and the content-related words.

## Enjoy Stairway Decodables and watch your child read and learn!

Sincerely,



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