



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our class just finished the fifth unit of the *Making Meaning*<sup>®</sup> program. During this unit, the students continued to use the sequence of events to retell stories they heard. They also used *wondering* to help them understand and enjoy stories. Wondering and asking questions about texts helps readers actively engage with stories and remember what they read. Socially, the students further developed their ability to share ideas with one another.

Before reading aloud to your child, look at the cover of the book together, read the title, and talk about what your child is wondering about the story. You can support your child's understanding by stopping every so often while reading to ask and discuss questions such as:

- What has happened so far in the story?
- What are you wondering about the story right now?
- What do you think might happen next?

Talking about stories after you read together can help deepen your child's understanding. I hope you and your child continue to delight in reading!

Sincerely,