

# Summer Learning is **Out of this WORLD!**

## Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your student to journey through space this summer as they learn more about reading fictional texts, using phonics skills to read and spell unfamiliar words, and using knowledge of informational texts to become strategic readers of nonfiction.



In order for your child to be successful, the following resources will need to be provided by the district prior to the beginning of the unit for all 20 days.

- ★ Video Lesson (virtual learning only)
- ★ Lesson Plan (paper-pencil only)
- ★ Anchor Charts (paper-pencil only)
- ★ Graphic Organizers
- ★ Articles/Passages
- ★ Phonics Games and Activities
- ★ Reading Rocket Bookmark
- ★ Reading Journal or loose-leaf paper

## A Few Helpful Hints About This Reading Unit of Study

### Lesson Structure:

- Each day's lesson is made up of three chunks of learning:
  - Read aloud to teach students how to grow in their understanding of literary text (fiction)
  - Phonics lesson that will help students apply decoding strategies
  - Informational text lesson to teach students strategies for locating information and gaining meaning

**Occasional opportunities for students to apply their learning appear throughout the unit. Students should share their completed activities with a family member and/or teacher in order to demonstrate their understanding and application of learning.**

### Independent Reading Goal:

- Encourage your child to read 20 minutes each day.
- Support them in applying each day's learning to their own reading.
- Use the Reading Rocket Bookmark to track their reading each day and to celebrate their accomplishments.

***Suggestions for where to find books to read for free online are included on the Daily Lesson Plan Sheet.***

**Resources:**

- Two to three anchor charts are available for each lesson to help support the learning. The anchor charts are labeled: Day 1 Lesson 1; Day 1 Lesson 2; and Day 1 Lesson 3.
  - Lesson 1 supports teaching and learning from the read aloud, *Stink Solar System Hero*, by Megan McDonald.
  - Lesson 2 supports phonics teaching and learning.
  - Lesson 3 supports teaching and learning of reading informational texts.

We hope you enjoy these learning adventures with your child.

**Happy Space Travels!**

