



# Introducing Zoo-phonics

This year, we are going to use a phonics, spelling, and writing program called Zoo-phonics. Your child will learn to read and spell through animal/letters and body movements called “signals”. We hope that you will take the time to have your child teach you the signals so that you and your child can work together. Hopefully, this will bring pleasure to both you and your child and will contribute to his or her success in school.

Zoo-phonics is an effective way to teach reading and spelling because it utilizes pictures of animals in the shapes of the lowercase letters. These animals not only teach the children to remember the shapes and sounds of the letters (and letter combinations), but it brings about an excitement to the learning process. Zoo-phonics uses a body movement with the letter’s sound instead of the traditional approach of “I see the word, I say the word, I memorize the word”, which is often difficult for children.

Here’s why: Ten percent of what we hear we remember. Thirty percent of what we hear and see we remember. Forty percent of what we hear, see, and say we remember. But of we hear the information, see it, say it and do it, we remember seventy to one hundred percent! That is why the body movement is so important--it is the doing part of learning. Research tells us that when the body moves, the brain remembers. For your information, and so that you may practice the body signals with your child, please see the attached sheet.

Remember, you are the main key to your child’s success in school. Fostering your child’s ability, confidence, and enthusiasm may determine whether or not he/she will someday enjoy good reading and writing skills.

If you have questions regarding the Zoo-phonics program, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher from 3:00-4:00 PM at the following numbers.

# "Come Meet Us At The Zoo"

allie, bubba, catina cat,

deedee deer and elephant,

francy fish and gordo too.

They all live at the zoo.

honey horse and inny, who?

jellyfish and kangaroo,

lizzy, missy, nigel do,

They all live at the zoo.

olive octopus is sweet,

peewee penguin's tux is neat,

queeny quail, her babies too,

They all live at the zoo.

robby rabbit in no stew,

sammy snake and timmy too,

umber, vincent, what a crew,

They all live at the zoo.

willie weasel, xavier fox,

yancy yak just talks and talks,

zeke the zebra welcomes you;

Come meet us at the zoo.

