



# Sample FASTalk Messages

## Core Knowledge Language Arts

FASTalk helps teachers send automated text messages to parents related to classroom learning each week to help parents support learning at home.

### Kindergarten

#### FOCUS AREA

##### Identify rhyming words

MONDAY  
Rhyming helps children learn about the sounds & patterns within words. Practice at home by naming rhyming words together (ex: fun, sun, run)

WEDNESDAY  
At home or on a walk, ask: do hat and cat rhyme? What about hat and car? Your help at home makes a big difference!

FRIDAY  
Did you help your child practice deciding whether words rhyme this week? Reply:  
1: Yes  
2: Not yet

##### Recognize and trace own name

Check in with your child on name writing. Ask for their autograph on a card or note. If they can write their first, they can add their last!

Have your child write their name on cards, on a jacket or a water bottle. Make sure they include all the letters!

How is your child at writing their name? I'd love to know! Reply:  
1: Great  
2: Needs a little more help  
3: Not there yet

### First Grade

#### FOCUS AREA

##### Fables and stories

MONDAY  
1st graders are reading fables in class. Ask your child: What is a fable? (a made-up story, or fiction, that teaches a lesson).

WEDNESDAY  
Ask your child to tell one of the fables that we read in class. What is it called? Who are the main characters? What lesson does it teach?

FRIDAY  
I love to hear from you! Did you talk about fables with your child this week? Reply:  
1: yes  
2: not yet

##### The Human Body

1st graders learn how different books have different purposes. For example, that nonfiction books can help us learn new facts about a topic.

When reading nonfiction, students learn new info and connect it to what they know. Ask questions that start with Who, What, Where, and When.

Did you get a chance to ask your child any Who-What-Where-When questions this week? Reply:  
1: yes 2: not yet

### Second Grade

#### FOCUS AREA

##### Fairy Tales and Tall Tales

MONDAY  
2nd graders are reading "tall tales" - stories that EXAGGERATE (add to the truth) to make them funny. Ask your child to tell you about one.

WEDNESDAY  
Ask your child: Do you know the word EXAGGERATE? Can you EXAGGERATE something about your own life? (I was so hungry I ate 10 hot dogs!)

FRIDAY  
I'd love to hear your feedback. Were you able to ask your child about tall tales or the word exaggerate? Reply:  
1: yes 2: not yet

##### Early Asian civilizations

We've been learning about early Asian civilizations. Ask your child what they learned about cultures from India or China.

Look at a map with your child (on paper or on a screen), and ask them to point out Asia. Can they find China and India?

When you review at home what we learn in class, it helps solidify the learning! Were you able to try it this week? Reply:  
1: yes 2: not yet