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Kinder: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 8

In our classroom this week, we are learning to write the **uppercase letters M, D, G, I, S, H, and B** and review these letters' lowercase partners. We use an uppercase letter to spell the first sound in a name or a special place. We also use an uppercase letter to begin a sentence. Uppercase and lowercase letters spell the same sound. Here is the information we will use to help us:

Consonants	<u>Uppercase M</u> spells the /m/ sound, as in the keyword <i>mouse</i> . <u>Uppercase D</u> spells the /d/ sound, as in the keyword <i>dog</i> . <u>Uppercase G</u> spells the /g/ sound, as in the keyword <i>goat</i> . <u>Uppercase S</u> spells the /s/ sound, as in the keyword <i>sun</i> . <u>Uppercase H</u> spells the /h/ sound, as in the keyword <i>hand</i> . <u>Uppercase B</u> spells the /b/ sound, as in the keyword <i>ball</i> .
Vowels	<u>Uppercase I</u> spells the /i/ sound, as in the keyword <i>itch</i> .
High-Frequency Words	High-frequency words are words that we see often when we read. We have not yet learned to sound out these words. We study and practice with a few of these words each week so we can read them when we see them in phrases, sentences, and stories.

(**Note:** A letter in slashes, such as /t/, indicates that the letter sound rather than the letter name should be said.)

Below are activities to practice at home this week. In addition, use the activities and questions from the initial **Family Support Letter** to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

Letters and Sounds

Ask your child to identify uppercase and lowercase letters and associate the correct sound with each letter. Have your child point to each letter, say the letter name, the keyword, and the sound the letter spells.

I (Uppercase I, itch, / ĭ /)	M (Uppercase M, mouse, (/m/))	g (lowercase g, goat, /g/)	D (Uppercase D, dog, /d/)
H (Uppercase H, hand, /h/)	b (lowercase b, ball, /b/)	i (lowercase i, itch, / ĭ /)	S (Uppercase S, sun, /s/)
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i (lowercase i, itch, / ĭ /)	B (Uppercase B, ball, /b/)	G (Uppercase G, goat, /g/)	s (lowercase s, sun, /s/)

Listen for the Sound

Ask your child to listen for the first sound in words by saying, “I am going to say a word. After I say the word, you will follow these steps.” Then, read the steps.

1. Repeat the word.
2. Say the first sound in the word.
3. Say the letter that spells the first sound.

1. made (made, /m/, letter m)	5. sack (sack, /s/, letter s)
2. doll (doll, /d/, letter d)	6. he (he, /h/, letter h)
3. gap (gap, /g/, letter g)	7. bit (bit, /b/, letter b)
4. itch (itch, /ĭ/, letter i)	8. in (in, /ĭ/, letter i)

High-Frequency Words

Moving across each row, ask your child to point to each word and read it.

black	blue	brown	yellow
brown	yellow	black	blue