Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Persuasive Letters. Persuasive letters try to convince readers to believe or do something. They feature a strong point of view about an idea or problem and usually suggest a solution. During this unit, we will read and analyze many published persuasive letters, and your child will have the opportunity to brainstorm, draft, revise and edit, and publish his or her own persuasive letter.

This is always an exciting unit in which children get to explore subjects they feel strongly about. You may wish to spend some time talking with your child about issues he or she cares about. What does your child see as the problem? What might be done about it?

You can also ask your child questions to learn about his or her progress. For example:

• Have you brainstormed ideas yet? Would you like to share your ideas with me?
• What have you written so far?
• What part of writing do you enjoy most?
• What part of writing is difficult for you?
• Are there other things you care about that you’d like to write a persuasive letter about?

Thanks in advance for supporting your child’s writing experiences. I look forward to sharing his or her work with you!

Sincerely,