Dear Family Members,

Our class is about to begin a Writer’s Workshop unit on Persuasive Letters. Persuasive letters are written to convince readers to believe or do something. They feature a strong point of view about an idea or problem and often suggest solutions. 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 will explore issues at school that they think should be changed or fixed. You may wish to spend some time talking with your child about ideas he or she has about how to make things better at home and at school.

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 issues that you’d like to write a letter about?

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

Sincerely,