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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

A <u>free parent workshop</u> is being offered to parents of Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. This presentation is for **parents** of children who are just beginning to read and spell. You will learn ways to help your child read and spell at home. The following topics will be covered by the SLP at the workshop:

- What is phonological awareness (PA)?
- Stages of PA development
- · Why is PA important for reading and spelling?
- How to promote literacy skills
- · Take home ideas

Attendance at this workshop is highly recommended and beneficial as it will provide you with information and assistance in enhancing your child's reading and spelling skills.



## **Reading and Spelling Tips**

(Phonological Awareness: Building blocks for reading and spelling)

Phonological awareness skills are critical for reading and spelling development. These skills involve how children hear and process sounds. Research has shown this area is highly linked to spelling and reading success.

Date this workshop is being offered:

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| DATE                    | LOCATION                        | TIME               |
| Thursday, April 7, 2016 | Strathcona County Health Centre | 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm |

Strathcona County Health Centre is located at: 2 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park

To register for this workshop, please email **Carly.Axani@albertahealthservices.ca**. Please include your child's name, grade, and number of adults attending the workshop in your email message.

Spaces are reserved on a first-come first-serve basis. Please <u>register before April 5, 2016</u>
\*\*Please note this is an <u>adult-only</u> event.\*\*

Thank you so much for being an active participant in your child's education! We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Kindest regards,

The Strathcona County Health Centre Speech and Language Team