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Dear Parent:

The gift of reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give to your child. Reading with children can improve their listening and reading skills, build their confidence and inspire them to explore new worlds through the written word. And it's fun!

Today your child brought home the book: *A Mountain Alphabet*. It is a gift from the Province of British Columbia to all kindergarten students in the province to help them learn to read. Children who have their own books and are read to by their families often have a head start as learners.

With this book, we are involving your family in British Columbia's efforts to create a generation of lifelong readers. I encourage you to read *A Mountain Alphabet* with your child. Give your young learner the gift of reading, and have fun spending time together.

For more information on how to help your child achieve at school, please visit the Achieve BC website ([www.achievebc.ca](http://www.achievebc.ca)).

I hope you and your child enjoy this book, and I wish your family all the best for a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister  
Deputy Premier