



Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25

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Dear Parents:

We want to welcome you and your child to our 1st grade class. Our class is a STEPS classroom, which stands for Speech-Language Therapy to Encourage the Production of Sounds. Part of the STEPS program is the sound cycle approach. The sound cycle approach consists of using sign cues and target sounds and words per week. Each week we will focus on a sound. There are 17 sound cycles:

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| 1. Final /p/ | 9. Initial /sm/ |
| 2. Final /t/ | 10. Initial /sn/ |
| 3. Final /k/ | 11. Final /ps/ |
| 4. Initial /k/ | 12. Final /ts/ |
| 5. Initial /g/ | 13. Initial /l/ |
| 6. Initial /f/ | 14. Initial /r/ |
| 7. Initial /sp/ | 15. Initial /sh/ |
| 8. Initial /st/ | 16. Initial /ch/ |
| | 17. Initial /th/ |

Although your child may not be enrolled as part of the STEPS program they will benefit from the sound cycles approach. This approach increase intelligibility, phonemic/phonological awareness, as well as their ability to read and write. If you have any questions please call 288-3654 ext. 1040 or email Jennifer.kobos@rcsdk12.org.

**Thank you,
Mrs. Kobos
Ms. Fendt**