



IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EAROBICS

Dear Parent(s),

Have you heard your child talking about working on the computer? Has your child mentioned the word *Earobics*? Your child has had a great opportunity to learn all about sounds and letters using the *Earobics Foundations* software program on the computer.

The Iowa City Community School District has implemented the use of *Earobics* into all 18 elementary schools this year. The program helps your child develop phonemic awareness which is an important part of literacy development. Phonemic awareness is defined as the ability to notice, think about, and work with the individual sounds in spoken words. The National Reading Panel states that children who have phonemic awareness skills are likely to have an easier time learning to read and spell.

Earobics delivers individualized instruction for each student. It uses adaptive technology that continually adjusts to your child's instructional level. There are six activities your child independently works through on the computer during a session of *Earobics* play: *Karloon's Balloons*, *Caterpillar Connection*, *C.C. Coal Car*, *Rhyme Time*, *Rap-a-Tap-Tap*, and *Basket Full of Eggs*.



If you would like to learn more about the *Earobics* program visit www.earobics.com. We are excited to have *Earobics* in our classroom.