To: Teachers and Parents

Topic: **Text features**

Message Objective(s): **Learners should be able to:**
- ✓ Define text features
- ✓ Identify the purpose of text features
- ✓ Demonstrate understanding of text features

Message: Today's message will focus on **text features.** Text features are used during the reading processes and help the readers/ learners to become involved with the author's intention of the text. Text features help in understanding the author's perspective.
The following text features will be discussed:

- **Character:** is someone/something that plays a role in the story.
- **Action:** Events that take place in the story. Events rise and build towards a climax. After the climax the action falls. E.*g. exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and denouement.*
- **Dialogue:** Conversation that takes place between the characters in the story.
- **Symbolism:** Is the use of an item or object to represent something else. E.g. *white symbolises purity and goodness.*
- **Milieu:** Is the physical or social setting in which something happens. E.g. Social *class of the different characters.*
- **Setting:** Is the idea of the time when the story is happening, as well as where it takes place.

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