## Romanization and Pronunciation:

- The romanization system in use for our language is regular, so that a word is always
  pronounced exactly as it's spelled. I'm going to describe the full system in detail
  below:
  - $\bullet$  *A, a*: Pronounced like the "<u>a</u>" in "sof<u>a</u>" at the end of a word; otherwise, pronounced like the "<u>a</u>" in "cat".
  - *Ai, ai*: Pronounced like the "i" in "kite".
  - *Au, au*: Pronounced like the "ow" in "how".
  - *B, b*: Pronounced like the "<u>b</u>" in "<u>b</u>at".
  - *Ch, ch*: Pronounced like the "<u>ch</u>" in "<u>ch</u>at".
  - *D, d*: Pronounced like the "d" in "dog".
  - *E, e*: *Always* pronounced like the "e" in "get".
  - *Ei, ei*: Pronounced like the "<u>a</u>" in "<u>ga</u>te".
  - *F, f*: Pronounced like the "f" in "fate"
  - *G*, *g*: Pronounced like the "g" in "goat" (never like the "g" in "genius").
  - *H, h*: Pronounced like the "h" in "hop".
  - *I, i*: Pronounced like the "i" in "machine" *or* like the "i" in "kid".
  - *J, j*: Pronounced like the "j" in "jam".
  - *K*, *k*: Pronounced like the "<u>k</u>" in "<u>k</u>id".
  - *L*, *l*: Pronounced like the "l" in "love".
  - *M*, *m*: Pronounced like the "m" in "matter".
  - *N*, *n*: Pronounced like the "<u>n</u>" in "<u>n</u>ever".

- *O, o*: Pronounced like the "<u>aw</u>" in "l<u>aw</u>" *or* the "<u>a</u>" in "f<u>a</u>ther".
- *Ou, ou*: Pronounced like the "o" in "tote".
- *P, p*: Pronounced like the "p" in "pike".
- *R*, *r*: Pronounced like the "r" in "red".
- *S, s*: Pronounced like the "s" in "sad".
- *Sh*, *sh*: Pronounced like the "sh" in "shoot".
- *T, t*: Pronounced like the "t" in "take".
- *Th, th*: Pronounced like the "th" in "thin" (*never* like the "th" in "that").
- U, u: Pronounced like the "u" in "rude" or the "u" in "push".
- *V, v*: Pronounced like the "<u>v</u>" in "<u>v</u>an".
- *W*, *w*: Pronounced like the "<u>w</u>" in "<u>w</u>et".
- *Y, y*: Pronounced like the "y" in "yes".
- **Z**, **z**: Pronounced like the "z" n "zebra".