

Dear Family:

Foundations® Unit 2 continues to review closed, one-syllable words.

I shall also reinforce the following “glued” or **welded sounds**:

am, an, ang, ing, ong, ung, ank, ink, onk, and unk.

I will also review the concept of **bonus letters**. After a short vowel, the letters **f, l** and **s** get a bonus, or extra letter (**ff, ll, and ss**). This happens in one-syllable words like **brass, puff** and **spill**.

Lastly, I will introduce five new sounds. Your child will learn the keywords for these now, but we will still study them for reading and spelling in more detail later in the year. Whenever you see //, the sound of the letters appears within the bars:

ar says /**ar**/ as in **car**

er says /**er**/ as in **her**

ir says /**ir**/ as in **bird**

or says /**or**/ as in **horn**

ur says /**ur**/ as in **burn**

Also in this Unit, I will teach some important words that students should learn to quickly and automatically recognize. We call these **Trick Words** because most of them have parts that cannot be sounded out.

Once again thank you for your interest and help at home.

Sincerely,

