

Dear Family:

Fundations® 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:

ay says /ā/ as in **play**

ai says /ā/ as in **bait**

ee says /ē/ as in **jeep**

ea says /ē/ as in **eat**

ey says /ē/ as in **key**

Also in this Unit, I will teach some important words that students should memorize. We call these **Trick Words** because most of them cannot be sounded out.

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

Sincerely,





Homework Guide

Follow These 5 Steps:

1. Dictate the word or sentence.
2. Have your child repeat it.
3. Have your child write it.
4. Read the word or sentence again and have your child proofread it carefully.
5. Check his/her work.

WEEK 1

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	trust	swept	splash	crisp		
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	brass	shell	gruff	stiff	still	
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	shall	pull	full	was	of	
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	The cat will cross the path.					

WEEK 2

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	dress	thrill	stiff	lunch		
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	thing	blank	swing	junk	strong	
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	both	talk	walk	full	pull	
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	Chad felt a sting on his neck.					

Writing Grid for Word and Sentence Homework

Review Words

1 2

3 4

Current Words

1 2

3 4

Trick Words

5 1

2 3

4 5

Sentence

1

**Do the "Fill In the Word" Activity**

Have your child read the sentences and select the correct word from the box to complete each sentence (using each word only once). Write the word on the line and reread the completed sentence.

stuff dress class chess stung
cross swing glass yell chill

- 1 Bill will win at _____.
- 2 The dog will _____ the path.
- 3 I had a _____ of milk.
- 4 Did Dad _____ at Tom?
- 5 Jeff felt the _____ of the wind.
- 6 Deb had a rip in her _____.
- 7 The tot is on the _____.
- 8 The bug _____ my leg.
- 9 The _____ had a big test in math.
- 10 Jess got her _____ off the bed.



Do the "Read, Write and Mark" Activity

Have your child read the following words, copy them on the line and mark them up. Put a star over any bonus letter and box the **all** welded sounds.

hall hall _____ off _____

mass mass _____ thrill _____

grass _____ class _____

sniff _____ kiss _____

cliff _____ staff _____

ill _____ dress _____

boss _____ quill _____

chess _____ bluff _____

dill _____ tall _____

spill _____ fall _____



Do the "Sentence Correction" Activity

Tell your child that some words in the sentences below are spelled incorrectly and need correct capitalization. Have him or her proofread the sentence and write the corrected words on the lines, adding bonus letters to words that need them.

- 1 Jef felt the chil of the wind. _____
- 2 Tom stil felt il. _____
- 3 Did dad yel at bob? _____
- 4 I had a glas of milk with my snack. _____
- 5 You must brush and flos. _____

Have your child choose two sentences to write on the grids below. Have him or her copy the sentence and proofread carefully.

1

2

WEEK 1

shall

full

pull

WEEK 2

both

talk

walk

→ **Cut words into flashcards. 1.** Each night, help your child **read** all Trick Words. **2.** Have your child **trace** each new Trick Word with his or her finger and **spell** it aloud; and **3.** Cover up the Trick Word and have your child write it with his or her finger on the table while naming each letter.