

Dear Family Member,

In this unit, students will learn an additional five new vowel sounds and the common spellings for those sounds. They will also focus on verb identification, verb tense, and narrative writing.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn the following vowel sounds and the spellings for each sound: /oo/ spelled 'oo', as in *soon*; /oo/ spelled 'oo', as in *look*; /ou/ spelled 'ou', as in *shout*; /oi/ spelled 'oi', as in *oil*; and /aw/ spelled 'aw', as in *paw*. Students will practice their newly learned skills of letter-sound relationships, including letter patterns, to correctly pronounce written words while reading stories from the Reader *Fables*, which are special types of stories that teach important lessons or morals. They will also practice identifying whether a verb represents an action that is happening in the present or one that happened in the past. Additionally, students will write a simple narrative that retells the text, and they will write a book report in which they are encouraged to include their opinions.

Additional Practice

Tricky Words		
<i>should</i>	<i>would</i>	<i>could</i>
<i>down</i>	<i>because</i>	

Students can practice these words each night by doing the following activities:

1. **Daily Use:** Encourage your student to use Tricky Words in everyday conversations. Prompt them to incorporate Tricky Words into discussions about their day, activities, or observations.
2. **Spell and Define:** Choose a few Tricky Words from the list and ask your student to spell each word aloud. Once they've spelled a word correctly, discuss the meaning of the word together.

Words That Follow a Spelling Pattern			
<i>moon</i>	<i>shout</i>	<i>coin</i>	<i>saw</i>
<i>soon</i>	<i>round</i>	<i>boil</i>	<i>lawn</i>

Students can practice these words each night by doing the following activities:

1. **Word Challenges:** Challenge your student to find words with the focus spelling patterns in books, in magazines, or around the house. When they identify a word, discuss its spelling and meaning.
2. **Complete Take-Home Activities:** Your student's teacher will send take-home activities to work on together and support your student's progress.