

Dear Family Member,

In this unit, students will learn to make connections between sounds and symbols.

What will my student learn?

Students will continue to practice blending sounds into words, and they will be taught several of the symbols used when reading and writing. Students will learn the most common way to spell the following eight sounds: /m/, /a/, /t/, /d/, /o/, /k/, /g/, and /i/. When discussing each sound and its corresponding spelling, students will learn example words, starting with the /m/ sound, which is spelled 'm', as in *mat*. Students will learn that the /a/ sound is spelled 'a', as in *mad*; the /t/ sound is spelled 't', as in *tag*; and the /d/ sound is spelled 'd', as in *dad*. Students will also learn that the /o/ sound is spelled 'o', as in *mom*; the /k/ sound is spelled 'c', as in *cat*; the /g/ sound is spelled 'g', as in *dog*; and the /i/ sound is spelled 'i', as in *dig*. Students will be introduced to a Picture Reader, which presents one Tricky Word at a time with colorful pictures to support their understanding when reading the Tricky Word.

Additional Practice

Tricky Words	
<i>one</i>	<i>am</i>
<i>two</i>	<i>at</i>
<i>three</i>	<i>did</i>
<i>got</i>	<i>it</i>

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

1. **Word Challenges:** Challenge your student to find Tricky Words in books, in magazines, or around the house. When they identify a word, discuss its spelling and meaning.
2. **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.

Words That Follow a Spelling Pattern			
<i>map</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>top</i>	<i>day</i>
<i>cot</i>	<i>cod</i>	<i>gap</i>	<i>fig</i>

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

1. **Drawing and Writing:** Invite your student to draw a picture that includes items with the unit's focus spelling pattern, then help them label the items in their drawing.
2. **Family Spelling Bee:** Join your student in a friendly contest to spell words with the unit's focus spelling pattern.