

Dear Family:

Even though you might want your child to read to you, it is very important that you continue to read to your child. Reading aloud builds your child's vocabulary and understanding, introduces your child to different language patterns, and identifies reading as a pleasurable activity. Reading to your child at bedtime is a good way to get "settled" while building their skills.

Some books that are recommended to read aloud to a second grader are:

***The Family Under the Bridge*** by Natalie Carlson. Harper & Row, 1986

***The Castle in the Attic*** by Elizabeth Winthrop. Holiday House, 1985

***The Trumpet of the Swan*** by E.B. White. Harper & Row, 1970

***The School Mouse*** by Dick King-Smith. Hyperion, 1995

In Unit 4, I am reviewing the suffixes **-s**, **-es**, **-ed** and **-ing**. Your child will learn that **-ed** might sound like /ed/ as in **rented**, /d/ as in **banged**, or /t/ as in **fished**. I will also be introducing the new suffix endings of **-er** and **-est**. We will discuss the comparison endings **long**, **longer** and **longest**. It is important that your child **underline the baseword** and **circle the suffix**.

Lastly, I will introduce additional 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.

**oa** says /ō/ as in **boat**

**oe** says /ō/ as in **toe**

**ow** says /ō/ as in **snow** and /ou/ as in **plow**

**ou** says /ou/ as in **trout** and /ü/ as in **soup**

**oo** says /ü/ as in **school**

**ue** says /ü/ as in **blue** and /ū/ as in **rescue**

**ew** says /ü/ as in **chew**

Thank you again for your help.

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	<b>Review Words</b>	→	frogs	printing	chunk	cliff
On Tuesday Dictate	<b>Current Words</b>	→	printed	kindest	stronger	tallest listed
On Wednesday Dictate	<b>Trick Words</b>	→	even	their	animal	about only
On Thursday Dictate	<b>Sentence</b>	→	Mom will get lunches and drinks.			

#### WEEK 2

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

On Monday Dictate	<b>Review Words</b>	→	softest	swinging	oldest	flex
On Tuesday Dictate	<b>Current Words</b>	→	spilled	splashed	spelled	drilled brushed
On Wednesday Dictate	<b>Trick Words</b>	→	here	used	use	you put
On Thursday Dictate	<b>Sentence</b>	→	Stan spilled milk on his desk.			

