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Grade 1: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 15

In our classroom this week, we are reviewing how to read and spell <u>closed syllable</u> words with the <u>consonant digraph *ch*, *sh*, *th*, or *wh*. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:</u>

Consonants	b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z y at the beginning of a word		
Vowels	a, e, i, o, u y at the end of a word		
Consonant Digraphs	A consonant digraph has <u>1 sound</u> spelled with 2 consonants side by side.		
Closed Syllables	Closed syllable words have 1 vowel letter followed by 1 or more consonants, and the vowel sound is short. Simple closed multisyllable words have 2 syllables that follow the closed syllable pattern. The syllables are divided between the 2 consonants in the middle of the word.		

Here are some examples of closed syllable words with the consonant digraphs *ch*, *sh*, *th*, or *wh*:

ch	sh	th	wh	Simple Closed Multisyllable
ben <u>ch</u>	bru <u>sh</u>	mo <u>th</u>	<u>wh</u> am	mammal
<u>ch</u> est	ru <u>sh</u>	pa <u>th</u>	<u>wh</u> en	rumpus
<u>ch</u> ill	<u>sh</u> ut	<u>th</u> em	<u>wh</u> ich	sudden
<u>ch</u> omp	<u>sh</u> in	<u>th</u> ump	<u>wh</u> iff	tidbit
munch	smash	with	<u>wh</u> ip	velvet

Note: Some example words in the table above may include more than 1 of the focus patterns.

YOUR TURN: This week, be on the lookout for <u>closed syllable</u> words that have the <u>consonant digraph *ch*, *sh*, *th*, or *wh*. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.</u>

ch	sh	th	wh	Simple Closed Multisyllable

Use the activities and questions from the original <u>Family Support Letter</u> to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.