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Grade 2: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 1

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell words with **initial consonant blends**, **consonant digraphs**, or words that follow the **Floss Rule**. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

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
Initial Consonant Blends	An initial blend has 2 consonants side by side before the vowel, and each consonant is pronounced.
Consonant Digraphs	A consonant digraph has 1 sound spelled with 2 consonants side by side, and it can be in the initial or final position of a word.
Floss Rule	The Floss Rule says that the letters <i>f, l, s,</i> and <i>z</i> are doubled at the end of a 1-syllable word after a short vowel. The doubled consonant is pronounced as 1 sound.

Here are some examples of words with initial consonant blends, consonant digraphs, or words that follow the Floss Rule:

Initial s-blends	Initial l-blends	Initial r-blends	Floss Rule
<u>s</u> kid	<u>l</u> ack	<u>r</u> ip	bu <u>z</u>
<u>s</u> mell	<u>l</u> ad	<u>r</u> ab	mi <u>ss</u>
<u>s</u> lip	<u>l</u> op	<u>r</u> ack	we <u>ll</u>

Consonant Digraph ch	Consonant Digraph sh	Consonant Digraph th	Consonant Digraph wh	Consonant Digraph ck
bun <u>ch</u>	br <u>sh</u>	th <u>at</u>	w <u>h</u> ich	th <u>ck</u>
<u>ch</u> op	da <u>sh</u>	<u>th</u> em	w <u>h</u> en	pa <u>ck</u>
<u>ch</u> ill	fi <u>sh</u>	wi <u>th</u>	w <u>h</u> im	ro <u>ck</u>

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 words that follow the closed syllable pattern and have initial consonant blends, consonant digraphs, or words that follow the Floss Rule. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

Initial s-blends	Initial l-blends	Initial r-blends	Floss Rule	
Consonant Digraph ch	Consonant Digraph sh	Consonant Digraph th	Consonant Digraph wh	Consonant Digraph ck

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