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Grade 3: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 1

In our classroom this week, we are reviewing how to read and spell words with **consonant blends, consonant digraphs, silent letters, and complex consonants.** 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
Consonant Blends	A consonant blend has 2 or 3 consonants side by side and each consonant is pronounced. Consonant blends can be in the initial or final position of a word.
Consonant Digraphs	A consonant digraph has 1 sound spelled with 2 consonants side by side.
Silent Letters	Silent letter patterns have 2 consonants side by side with 1 consonant remaining silent.
Complex Consonants	Complex consonants are consonants or clusters of consonants that have different spellings but are pronounced with the same sound.

Here are some examples of words with the patterns we are reviewing:

Consonant Blends	Consonant Digraphs	Silent Letters	Complex Consonants
<u>fl</u> at	su <u>ch</u>	<u>kn</u> ob	ed <u>ge</u>
w <u>ep</u> t	<u>sh</u> ed	th <u>um</u> b	pi <u>ck</u>
<u>sc</u> rap	pa <u>th</u>	<u>gn</u> at	pa <u>ch</u>

Below is an activity to practice at home this week. You may also use the activities and questions from the initial ***Family Support Letter*** to further address your child’s success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

Word Sort

Guide your child through this Word Sort by saying, “Let’s sort words.” Read these steps to your child:

1. Look at each word.
2. Identify the pattern the underlined letters represent.
3. Write the word under the correct column.
4. Read the word and tell why the word fits the pattern.

lim <u>b</u>	bud <u>g</u> e	<u>w</u> hich	s <u>p</u> in	mat <u>h</u>	lat <u>ch</u>	<u>k</u> nit	mel <u>t</u>
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Consonant Blends	Consonant Digraphs	Silent Letters	Complex Consonants

As you read and write with your child this week, be on the lookout for words that have **consonant blends, consonant digraphs, silent letters, and complex consonants**. Add the pattern words you and your child find to the correct column in the chart above.

Word Sort Answer Key: Consonant Blends: spin, melt; Consonant Digraphs: thin, math; Silent Letters: limb, knit; Complex Consonants: budge, latch