

Dear Family:

The end of the year is fast approaching. Your child has been working very hard to master all the language concepts and your help is appreciated. As mentioned in my previous letter, practice is very important. The “D” syllable has several combinations, many of which have more than one sound such as the **ow** in **snow** and in **plow**. In this Unit, we will work with several sounds with reading and spelling options.

oo says /ü/ as in **school** and /u/ as in **book**

ou says /ü/ as in **soup***

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

ew says /ü/ as in **chew**

The **oo** also says /ü/ as in **book** but this will not be introduced at this time. All combinations have the /ü/ sound and once again your child may not have difficulty when reading the word in context, but spelling could be a problem. Once your child makes a choice for spelling the word, use a dictionary or spell checker to check. If neither is available, you may indicate whether or not the choice is correct.

Sincerely,

*Note: The **ou** also says /ou/ as in **trout**. You may remember working on this sound in Unit 14.

