

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell words with <u>vowel-r</u>. 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
Vowel-r	The vowel-r pattern has 1 vowel followed by the consonant <i>r</i> , which affects the way the vowel sound is pronounced.

Here are some examples of words with vowel-r:

er	ir	Ur
clerk	birch	blurt
fern	girl	curb
her	skirt	curl
jerk	smirk	fur
perks	twirl	surf

**Note:** Since these 3 vowel-r spellings are pronounced the same, it is important to remember the precedent in which they occur in words; the *er* spelling is most common, followed by *ir*, and *ur* is least common.

**Your Turn:** This week, be on the lookout for words that have the <u>vowel-r</u>. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

er	ir	Ur

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