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Grade 2: Weekly Phonics Focus
Lesson 24

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell words with the hard and soft c and g. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

| Consonants | $b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z$ <br> $y$ at the beginning of a word |
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| Vowels | $a, e, i, o, u$ <br> y at the end of a word |
| Soft c/g | When the letters $c$ or $g$ are followed by the vowel letters <br> $e, i$, or $y$, the sound of the letter $c$ is the soft $/ s / s o u n d ~ a s ~$ <br> in circus and the sound of the letter $g$ is the soft $/ j /$ as in <br> giraffe. |
| Hard c/g | When $c$ and $g$ don't make the soft sound, they keep their <br> typical, or hard, sounds: /k/ as in cat or $/ g /$ as in goat. |

Here are some examples of words with the hard and soft c and g :

| Soft c <br> (/s/ as in circus) |  | Soft g <br> (/j/ as in giraffe) |  |
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| choice | cent | cage | large |
| cell | nice | gel | page |
| face | peace | germ | sage |
| mice | price | gym | wage |

Your Turn: This week, be on the lookout for words that have the hard and soft $\mathbf{c}$ and $\mathbf{g}$. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

| Soft c <br> (/s/ as in circus) |  |  | Soft g <br> (/j/ as in giraffe) |  |
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Use the activities and questions from the original Family Support Letter to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

