

Dear Family:

I have a lot to share this week. The students are becoming good readers and quite good spellers, and thank you for your help.

Once again, in Unit 10 a new syllable type is introduced. This new syllable type is called the “D” *syllable* because it contains a double vowel combination, two vowels next to one another such as **ai** in the word **bait**. This syllable is marked:

bait
d

There are several of these vowel combinations in the “D” syllable, but in this Unit we will be working on the **ai** and **ay** combination.

ai - bait - /ā/ **ay - play - /ā/**

These sounds were introduced earlier in the year, but now we will focus on them in more detail for both reading and spelling.

Reading this new syllable type will not be as difficult as the spelling. Spelling will be a challenge for this syllable type just as it was in the r-controlled syllable. The long sound /ā/ is found in three types of syllables: the vowel-consonant-e, the open, and the “D” syllable. Therefore, your child will need to make decisions as to what option to select when spelling a word. Some parents have asked about electronic spell checkers. These can be used as well as a dictionary in order to determine the correct spelling whenever a word has options. With either, you may help your child determine the correct option.

Please let me know if your child is having difficulty with this work.

Sincerely,





Homework Guide

Follow These 5 Steps:

1. Dictate the word or sentence.
2. Have your child repeat it.
3. Have your child write it.
4. Read the word or sentence again and have your child proofread it carefully.
5. Check his/her work.

WEEK 1

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	cursive	short	flute	exhale
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	spray	faint	hay	trail bay
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	been	great	into	country what
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	Mark picked a daisy for Beth.			

WEEK 2

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	score	polish	maze	smallest
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	birthday	explain	runway	airport crayon
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	American	they	example	from thought
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	The rain did not delay the baseball game.			

