

Dear Family:

In Foundations Unit 13, your child will learn all about the sounds made by the **ch** (as in **chorus**) and **ph** (as in **phone**) digraphs. As with all digraphs, these two letters make one sound. These digraphs can be marked by underlining them:

phase chords

I will also be teaching students about some letters that are silent when combined with certain letters. These are called **silent letter combinations** and they are as follows:

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| w r - /r/ (w is silent) | /r/ | g n - /n/ (g is silent) | /n/ |
| h r - /r/ (h is silent) | | k n - /n/ (k is silent) | |
| m n - /m/ (n is silent) | /m/ | h g - /g/ (h is silent) | /g/ |
| b m - /m/ (b is silent) | | | |

To mark these, students simply underline the **silent letter combination** and cross out the silent letter:

~~k~~neel

One good way to help your child remember the sounds of these silent letter combinations is by telling them that two of these letter combinations say /r/, two say /n/, two say /m/ and one says /g/.

Students will continue to develop their dictionary and vocabulary skills. They have learned much about words so keep up the great work at home!

Sincerely,

