

Dear Family:

In Unit 4, I will review the **exception** to the **vowel-consonant-e syllable**. This exception, **-ive**, can also be a suffix (as in **a c t i v e**). It is pronounced with a short **i** sound. I will point out that the **e** in **-ive** is added because words in English never end with the letter **v**.

Students will also learn a new spelling rule for adding suffixes to **vowel-consonant-e syllables**. When adding a consonant suffix to a word that ends in a silent **e**, students will simply add the suffix:

safe + ly = safely

reptile + s = reptiles

hope + ful = hopeful

A **v-e syllable** with a consonant suffix is marked like this:

r e p t i l e s
c v-e

However, if the suffix begins with a vowel, students will drop the **e** before adding the suffix:

confuse + ing = confusing

include + ed = included

brave + est = bravest

A **v-e syllable** with a vowel suffix is marked like this:

i n c l u d e d
c v-e

I hope you are finding working with your child rewarding and fun.
Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

