

Dear Family:

Unit 17 is the last one in Foundations® Level 2. The final syllable type is introduced in this Unit. The syllable is called the **consonant-le syllable**. This syllable is always at the end of a multisyllabic word such as **bubble** or **bicycle**. It always has only three letters: a **consonant**, then the letter **l**, and lastly a silent **e**.

We mark this syllable:

b ū gl e'
o -le

The consonant will be different, but there is always an **l** and an **e**. It may be helpful to have your child identify the **consonant-le** in a word, then read the word. In the word **bugle**, isolate **gle** which will help identify the long **u** sound in **bu** because it is an open syllable. In the word **struggle**, isolate **gle** to identify the short **u** sound in **strug** because it is a closed syllable.

Knowing the six syllable types in English words will greatly help your child read and spell many words. Thank you for being your child's Coach throughout this year. Your help is truly appreciated and has made a big difference. Of course I encourage you to read together all summer long. Make an effort to find books from different genres: fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, mystery, etc. Here are a few books to get you started:

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (Knopf, 1961)

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary (Morrow, 1981)

The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte, 1995)

Sincerely,

