

Dear Family:

Your child has learned many new things about words with the Foundations program and I am thankful, once again, to have you assisting as the Coach.

In Unit 8 of Foundations[®], I shall introduce a new syllable type to your child. So far, we have worked on closed, vowel-consonant-e, and open syllables. The fourth syllable type is called the **r-controlled syllable**. When a vowel is directly followed by the letter **r**, the **r** changes the sound of the vowel. For example in the word **bark**, the vowel **a** has neither the short nor the long vowel sound.

New keywords will be added to the notebook to help your child remember the new sounds. They are:

ar - bark - /ar/ or - horn - /or/

This type of syllable is marked:

bark
r

The **vowel** and the letter **r** are circled together. Of course, we can combine these syllables with other syllable types already learned:

rēport
o r

garlic
r c

ācorn
o r

Sincerely,

