### Dear Family:

You and your child have been doing some wonderful work together.

Unit 12 is similar to Unit 6 in that I am going to add a *suffix*ending to words. This time the suffix 'es' will be added to the words. This suffix will be added to closed syllable words such as the word "lunches". The baseword is lunch and the suffix is es.

As a reminder: the procedure for reading the words **lunches** and **wishes** is to read the baseword first and then say it with the suffix as follows:

#### lunch - lunches wish - wishes

To spell a word with a suffix ending, your child hears the entire word **lunches** but then must be able to separate **lunch** from the suffix **es.** 

Therefore, after echoing the word **lunches** you may ask, "What is the baseword?" Your child should answer, "lunch". Then tap out l / u / n / ch / s, say the letters l - u - n - c - h, and add the suffix 'es'.

I am planning to be in this Unit for two weeks. If you think your child needs more practice, do not be concerned, because Unit 13 adds two more suffix endings, thus your child will be getting additional practice with these procedures.

Sincerely,





Review the *closed syllable* baseword with the suffix endings of 's' and 'es' with your child during the next 2 weeks.

#### Follow These 4 Steps:

- **1.** Dictate the entire word. Have your child echo the entire word. Example: **"wishes"**
- **2.** Have your child separate the baseword from the suffix and tap out

- the baseword. Child says, "wishes" then, "wish" then taps out /w/ /i/ /sh/. Do not tap trick words.
- **3.** Have your child tell you the letters that go with the sounds of the baseword.
- **4.** Have your child write the letters of the baseword then add **es**. It is helpful if you say the letters as your child writes them.

| WEEK 1   |                      |               |                             |         |         |  |  |
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| Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 4 steps listed above. |                      |               |                             |         |         |  |  |
| On Monday Dictate  | Review Words         | <b>→</b>      | straps                      | pins    | napkin  |  |  |
| On Tuesday Dictate   | <b>Current Words</b> | $\rightarrow$ | rashes                      | lunches | wishes  |  |  |
| On Wednesday Dictate   | Trick Words          | >             | see                         | work    | between |  |  |
| On Thursday Dictate  | Sentence             | $\rightarrow$ | Ben wishes his friend luck. |         |         |  |  |

| WEEK 2               |                      |               |                                    |                       |         |  |  |
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| Dictate the words a  | nd sentence to y     | our           | child following                    | the 4 steps listed al | bove.   |  |  |
| On Monday Dictate    | Review Words         | $\rightarrow$ | index                              | quits                 | clocks  |  |  |
| On Tuesday Dictate   | <b>Current Words</b> | $\rightarrow$ | dishes                             | bunches               | pinches |  |  |
| On Wednesday Dictate | Trick Words          | $\rightarrow$ | both                               | being                 | under   |  |  |
| On Thursday Dictate  | Sentence             | $\rightarrow$ | Jim brushes the lint off the rugs. |                       |         |  |  |





# Do the "Find the Baseword and Suffix" Activity

- **1.** Have your child read the list of words below.
- **2.** Next, you read a word from the list below. Do not have your child look at the list. Have your child repeat the word, then tell you the baseword. Do all of the words.
- **3.** Have your child underline the baseword and circle the suffix.

stamps pinches
dresses stacks
brings sunsets
benches wishes
skunks crashes
wishes kisses
bugs napkins



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Cut words into flashcards. 1. Each night, help your child read all Trick Words from previous units, as well as these.
2. Have your child trace each new Trick Word with his or her finger and spell it aloud; and 3. Cover up the trick word and have your child write it with his or her finger on the table while naming each letter.

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

## Writing Grid for Word and Sentence Homework



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