

# **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents Resource Booklet**

Q. What is in this booklet?

A. In regards to phonics/spelling:  
keys to coding, rules, sight  
words, and helpful hints.

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**Saxon Phonics/Spelling 2**

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## Coding Key

**Breve**: a breve is a small curved line that is placed above a vowel to signify the short vowel sound.

Example: bat      b ă t

**Macron**: a macron is a small straight line that is placed above a vowel to signify the long vowel sound.

Example: me      m ē

**Suffixes**: Suffixes are boxed in and are not otherwise coded.

Examples:      -s Plural; meaning more than one.

-ing Meaning: happening now.      -ed Meaning: already happened

**Backslashes**: Usually means the letter is silent. Example: hope    h o p e \

**K-Back**: Since the letter c has no sound of its own, it must "borrow" its sound from other letters. If the c has a /k/ sound, a line is placed down the back of the c.

|c The "k-backed" c.      cat      |æt

## Coding Key

### Vowel Digraphs

When two vowels are beside each other, the first vowel is long and the second vowel is silent.

ēē sheep s h ēē p

Note: All digraphs are underlined.

### Consonant Digraphs

Consonant digraph: Two consonants come together to form one sound. Example: th thimble.

The th digraph in the word thimble is silent or unvoiced and is coded with only a line underneath. The ~~th~~ digraph in the word fea~~th~~er is voiced and is coded with both a line under it and a line through the middle: ~~th~~. Other examples of consonant digraphs are as follows:

duck

ring

thimble

Note: All digraphs or letter(s) that are voiced are coded with a line through the middle of the letter(s).

# Rules

## Vowel Rules:

### Vowel Rule 1 ĥc

A vowel followed by a consonant is short; code it with a breve.

căt lög sĭt tŭg wĕt

### Vowel Rule 2 $\bar{v}' \rightarrow$

An open, accented vowel is long; code it with a macron.

mē' fā' [ble spī' | der

### Vowel Rule 3 $\bar{v}-\cancel{e}$

A vowel followed by a consonant and silent *e* is long; code the vowel with a macron, and cross out the silent *e*.

hōpē nāmē rūlē thēmē

## K & C Spelling Rules

k before e, i, or y

keg      kid      mily

c before a, o, u, or any consonant

cat      cot      pact

## Final /k/ Spelling

ck after a short vowel

black      duck      lock

k after a consonant or a vowel digraph

(di-means two, and graph means letter)

book      milk      week

ke after a long vowel

broke      like      make

c at the end of a word with two or more syllables

Atlantic      garlicc      picnicc

## Floss Rule

When a one-syllable root word has a short vowel sound followed by the sound /f/, /l/, or /s/, it is usually spelled ff, ll, or ss.

ff

ll

ss

cff

doll

boss

staff

hill

miss

stiff

well

pass

## Adding a Consonant Suffix

To spell a word with a consonant suffix, just add the suffix to the end of the root word.

cake + s = cakes

red + s = reds

care + ful = careful

close + ly = closely

## Adding a Vowel Suffix

### Dropping Rule

When a word ends with a silent e, drop the e before adding a vowel suffix.

make + ing = making

rule + er = ruler

## Final /s/ Spelling Rules

ss after a short vowel.

boss

dress

fuss

ce after a long vowel.

ice

space

truce

se after anything else.

false

house

loose

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make + ing = making    rule + er = ruler

### Doubling Rule

When a final syllable of a word is accented and ends with one vowel and one consonant, double the final consonant before adding a vowel suffix.

hit' + ing = hitting    run' + er = runner

## J & G Spelling Rules

j before *a*, *o*, or *u*

jam

joke

jug

g before *e*, *ii*, or *y*

German

giant

stingy



## Final /ch/ Spelling Rules

tch after a short vowel.

crutch

etch

stitch

ch after anything else.

lunch

ouch

pooch

## Final /j/ Spelling Rules

dge after a short vowel.

bridge

edge

judge

ge after anything else.

cagge

lunge

stoogge

## Changing Rule

If a root word ends with a y after a consonant, change the y to i before adding a suffix (except for suffixes beginning with i).

silly + ness = silliness



play + ed = played



## How to Divide and Label a Word

vc | cv\_  
napkin  
v v

napkin  
vccv

nap | kin  
vc | cv

nap' | kin  
vc | cv

năp' | kĭn  
vc | cv

## 2nd Grade Sight Words

Sight words are words that do not follow normal language rules or patterns. These words need to be memorized by sight; hence the name "sight" words. Use this area as a check off list for your child.

again	against	America	animal
answer	any	beautiful	become
been	both	bought	brought
build	built	bush	busy
buy	caught	certain	change
climb	clothes	could	country
course	danger	daughter	does
done	don't	door	early
earth	enough	every	eye
father	finally	floor	fought
friend	full	give	goes
gone	government	guess	heard
heart	hour	island	laugh
learn	listen	live	many
measure	mountain	move	none
ocean	often	once	only
people	poor	pull	push
put	question	rough	says
science	several	should	something
special	strange	stranger	sure
talk	their	there	thought
through	touch	tough	trouble

# Syllable Division Rule

## VCCV

1.  $vc' | cv$        $\underset{vc}{n\check{a}p'} | \underset{cv}{k\check{i}n}$
2.  $vc | cv'$        $\underset{vc}{i\check{n}} | \underset{cv}{j\check{e}} | ct' \boxed{ed}$

## Syllable Division Rule

### v cv

1.  $v' | cv$        $b\bar{a} | by$
2.  $vc' | v$        $r\check{o}b' | i\check{n}s$
3.  $v | cv'$        $\bar{e} | r\bar{a}s\epsilon'$

## Syllable Division Rule

### vc | cvc | cv

$im | por' | \overset{\epsilon}{t}ant$

## Syllable Division Rule

### vcccv

1.  $vc | ccv$        $\check{e}x | pl\bar{a}i\check{n}'$
2.  $vcc | cv$        $p\check{u}mp' | k\check{i}n$

## Syllable Division Rule

### v v

1.  $v' | v$        $d\bar{r}' | \check{e}t$   
 $\underset{v}{v} | \underset{v}{v}$
2.  $vlv'$        $cr\bar{e} | \bar{a}t\epsilon'$
3.  $vlv$        $c\check{a}m' | \bar{e} | \bar{o}$

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usually

very

walk

want

were

whose

woman

women

won't

would

young

your

# Irregular Spelling Words

This year your student will learn rules to spell many sounds in the English language. However, not all words follow these spelling rules. The next few pages will include some of the irregular spellings that your student will learn.

## /ā/ Sound

The /ā/ sound is regularly spelled: a-e, a ll ay

Here are some ways the /ā/ sound is irregularly spelled:

## /ā i/ Spelling

aim	grain	paid	rain	air	hail	pail
snail	brain	hair	pain	Spain	drain	hairy
paint	tail	fail	mail	pair	trail	faint
main	plain	train	fair	nail	rail	waist
faith	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## /ēā/ Spelling

break	great	steak	yea
_____	_____	_____	_____

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ā/ Sound

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Here are some ways the /ā/ sound is irregularly spelled:

## /ei/ Spelling

reindeer

\_\_\_\_\_

veil

\_\_\_\_\_

vein

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## /eigh/ Spelling

eight  
eighteen

\_\_\_\_\_

eighth  
eighty

\_\_\_\_\_

neighbor  
sleigh

\_\_\_\_\_

weigh  
weight

\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ē/ Sound

The /ē/ sound is regularly spelled: ee, e ll ee, y

Here are some ways the /ē/ sound is irregularly spelled:

## /ēæ/ Spelling

beach	eat	least	read	cheap	fear	leave
real	clean	heal	meal	really	dear	hear
mean	season	dream	heat	meat	speak	each
lead	near	steal	ear	leaf	please	teach
east	leak	reach	year	easy	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## /ē-ē/ Spelling

athlete    eve    here    these    concrete    \_\_\_\_\_

## /ēɪ/ Spelling

ceiling	neither	receipt	weird
protein	receive	either	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ē/ Sound

The /ē/ sound is regularly spelled: ee, e ll ee, y

Here are some ways the /ē/ sound is irregularly spelled:

## /ēx/ Spelling

alley  
baloney  
chimney  
donkey

hockey  
honey  
key  
\_\_\_\_\_

kidney  
money  
monkey  
\_\_\_\_\_

parsley  
turkey  
valley  
\_\_\_\_\_

## /īē/ Spelling

brief  
chief  
field  
\_\_\_\_\_

fierce  
grief  
niece  
\_\_\_\_\_

piece  
priest  
shield  
\_\_\_\_\_

shriek  
thief  
yield  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ě/ Sound

The / ě / sound is regularly spelled: e

Here are some ways the / ě / sound is irregularly spelled:

### / ěə/ Spelling

ahead	breath	meant	thread
bear*	deaf	read	wealth
bread	head	spread	wear*
breakfast	health	sweat	_____

*\* The final r slightly changes the / ě/ sound in these words.*

## /i/ Sound

The / i / sound is regularly spelled: i-e, ill y

Here are some ways the / i / sound is irregularly spelled:

### /i e/ Spelling

lie	pie	tie
_____	_____	_____

### /igh/ Spelling

bright	high	night	slight	fight	light	right
thigh	flight	might	sigh	tight	fright	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ŏ/ Sound

The / ŏ / sound is regularly spelled: o

Here are some ways the / ŏ / sound is irregularly spelled:

### a After w Spelling

walk  
\_\_\_\_\_

wallet  
\_\_\_\_\_

wasp  
\_\_\_\_\_

watch  
\_\_\_\_\_

### a After qu Spelling

quad  
\_\_\_\_\_

quality  
\_\_\_\_\_

squash  
\_\_\_\_\_

squat  
\_\_\_\_\_

### a Before l Spelling

all  
\_\_\_\_\_

chalk  
\_\_\_\_\_

mall  
\_\_\_\_\_

stall  
\_\_\_\_\_

bald  
\_\_\_\_\_

fall  
\_\_\_\_\_

malt  
\_\_\_\_\_

tall  
\_\_\_\_\_

ball  
\_\_\_\_\_

false  
\_\_\_\_\_

salt  
\_\_\_\_\_

wall  
\_\_\_\_\_

baseball  
\_\_\_\_\_

hall  
\_\_\_\_\_

small  
\_\_\_\_\_

wallet  
\_\_\_\_\_

call  
\_\_\_\_\_

hallway  
\_\_\_\_\_

### au Spelling

August  
sauce

cause  
author

haul  
fault

laundry  
launch

Austin  
saucer

faucet  
auto

haunt  
\_\_\_\_\_

### aw Spelling

claw  
straw  
hawk

jaw  
draw  
paw

raw  
lawn  
slaw

squawk  
seesaw  
\_\_\_\_\_

crawl  
thaw  
\_\_\_\_\_

law  
drawn  
\_\_\_\_\_

saw  
lawyer  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ō/ Sound

The / ō / sound is regularly spelled: o-e, o ll ow  
Here are some ways the / ō / sound is irregularly spelled:

### /ōæ/ Spelling

boat	float	moan	soak	coach	foam	oak
soap	coal	goat	oar	soar	coast	groan
oats	throat	coat	loaf	road	toad	cocoa
loan	roast	toast	_____	_____	_____	_____

### /ōe/ Spelling

doe                      hoe                      toe                      \_\_\_\_\_

## /ū/ or /ōō/ Sound

The /ū/ or /ōō/ sound is regularly spelled: u-e, u ll ue  
Here are some ways the / ū / sound is irregularly spelled:

### ew Spelling

blew	drew	mew	review	chew	few	mildew
sewer	crew	flew	nephew	stew	curfew	grew
new	threw	dew	knew	news	_____	_____

### ou Spelling

group      tour      you      youth      soup      wound      your  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /ü/ Sound

The / ü / sound is regularly spelled: u, a  
Here are some ways the / ü / sound is irregularly spelled:

### **Scribal o Spelling**

color done mother son come front oven ton  
comfort govern recover won compass London shovel  
wonder cover Monday some wonderful discover  
month \_\_\_\_\_

## /ow/ Sound

The /ow/ sound is regularly spelled: ou ll ow  
Here are some ways the / ow/ sound is irregularly spelled:

### **OW Spelling**

brown down howl scowl clown flower owl  
shower crowd fowl powder town crown frown  
power vowel \_\_\_\_\_

### **OU Spelling**

group tour you youth soup wound your  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /er/ Sound

The / er/ sound is regularly spelled: er

Here are some ways the / ɜ / sound is irregularly spelled:

### **ar Spelling**

beggar custard hangar nectar buzzard dollar  
mustard standard collar \_\_\_\_\_

### **ir Spelling**

birch first skirt swirl bird flirt squirm  
third birth girl squirrel thirst chirp shirt  
squirt thirteendirt sir stir twirl firm

### **or Spelling**

actor error labor splendor author favor major  
terror doctor harbor odor tractor donor horror  
pastor tutor \_\_\_\_\_

### **wor Spelling**

word world worse worth work worm  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **ur Spelling**

blur burst fur spur blurt church hurt  
turn burn curb murmur turnip burner curl  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /f/ Sound

The /f/ sound is regularly spelled: f || ff

Here are some ways the / f/ sound is irregularly spelled:

### **ph Spelling**

digraph	gopher	phonics	diphthong	graph	photo
dolphin	phase	phrase	earphone	phone	telephone

## /k/ Sound

The /k/ sound is regularly spelled with c before a, o, u or any consonant.

Here are some ways the /k/ sound is irregularly spelled:

kangaroo   skate   skunk   Kansas   \_\_\_\_\_

## Cedilla C

The soft sound of c is irregular in the initial position. Here are some words that have the soft sound of c in either the irregular initial position or the medial position:

cedar	center	citizen	cedilla	centipede	city
ceiling	century	cycle	celery	cereal	cyclone
certain	December	cellar	cider	except	cement
excite	cent	circus	fancy	_____	_____

# Irregular Spelling Words

## /shəs/ Sound

Final, stable syllables [cious and [tious are irregular for spelling:

### [cious

delicious  
suspicious

spacious

vicious

ferocious

### [tious

ambitious  
infectious

fictitious  
repetitious

nutritious

cautious

## /shən/ Sound

The /shən/ sound is regularly spelled : [tion  
Here is a way the shən/ sound is irregularly spelled:

### sion Spelling

admission  
permission  
session

impression  
progression  
expression

profession  
discussion

confession  
possession



# Ghost Letter Digraphs

Ghost letter digraphs gn, kn, and wr are irregular for spelling. Here are some words that are spelled with ghost letter digraphs:

## gn

campaign      gnat      gnaw      sign      design

## kn

knee      knight      knock      know      kneel      knit      knot  
knuckle      knife      knob

## wr

wrap      wren      wrinkle      written      wrapper      wrestle      wrist  
wrong      wreath      wring      write      wrote      wreck

# Final, Stable Syllables

Here are some words with final, stable syllables that have irregular spellings:

beetle      needle      people      purple      castle

# Floss Words

According to Spelling Rule 3, when a one-syllable root word has a short vowel sound followed by /f/, /l/, or /s/, it is usually spelled *ff*, *ll*, or *ss*.

Here are some words with irregular spellings in the final position:

bus      gas      laugh      plus      cough

# Irregular Spelling Words

## "Wild Colt" Words

"Wild Colt" words are irregular for spelling. Here are some "Wild Colt" words:

blind	gold	most	scol	both	grind	old	sol
child	hold	pint	told	cold	kind	poll	toll
colt	mild	post	troll	find	mind	rind	wild
fold	mold	roll	wind				

a	apple	a short
a	acorn	a, a-e
b	balloon	b
c	cat	c (k-back)
c	circle	c cedilla
d	dog	d, II d, ed
e	elephant	e short
e	equals	e, <u>ee</u> , II <u>ee</u>
f	fish	f
g	goat	g
g	giraffe	g (j sound)
h	hat	h
i	inch	i short
i	icicle	i, i-e
j	jar	j
k	kite	k, c II ck, k, ke, c
l	lion	l
m	monkey	m
n	nest	n
o	octopus	o
o	overalls	o
p	pig	p
q	quilt	q
r	rabbit	r
s	sun	s
s	rose	s (sounds like z)
t	tent	t, II t, ed
u	umbrella	u short
u	unicorn	u, u-e
v	vest	v
w	wagon	w
x	fox	x (sounds like ks)
y	yarn	y
y	cry	y (sounds like i)
y	candy	y (sounds like e)
z	zebra	z

