

In our classroom this week, we are learning to read and spell <u>closed syllable</u> words with <u>initial r-blends</u>. Here are the letters and patterns to practice this week:

| Consonants | b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, z y at the beginning of a word |
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| Vowels | a, e, i, o, u y at the end of a word |
| Initial r-blends | An initial r-blend has 2 consonants side by side before the vowel. Each consonant in a blend is pronounced. |
| Closed Syllables | Closed syllable words have 1 vowel letter followed by 1 or more consonants, and the vowel sound is short. |

Here are some examples of closed syllable words with initial r-blends:

| Initial r-blends (br-, cr-, dr-, fr-, gr-, pr-, tr-) | | |
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| <u>br</u> an | grin | |
| <u>cr</u> ab | <u>gr</u> ip | |
| <u>dr</u> ag | prop | |
| <u>fr</u> et | <u>tr</u> ap | |
| <u>fr</u> og | <u>tr</u> im | |

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Your Turn: This week, be on the lookout for <u>closed syllable</u> words that have <u>initial r-blends</u>. In the table below, keep a list of pattern words that you read or write with your child.

| Initial r-blends (br-, cr-, dr-, fr-, gr-, pr-, tr-) | | |
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Use the activities and questions from the original *Family Support Letter* to further assist your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.