

Dear Family:

This is a wonderful year of learning for your child. The help and support you have given are making a big difference.

We shall continue to work with short vowel words, however, we are now ready to add **consonant blends**.

A blend is two consonants together that each make a sound, as in the word "**s t o p**" - the /s/ and the /t/ each make a sound.

A blend is different from a digraph which has two letters but only one sound, such as in the word "**sh o p**" - the /sh/ makes only one sound.

Blends can come at the beginning of a word, such as "**s t o p**", or at the end of a word, like "**p e s t**."

Remember, in a blend each sound will get a separate tap.

Here we go!

Sincerely,

Your Child's First Grade Teacher

