

Dear Family:

So far, I have only introduced /**ar**/ and /**or**/ in the r-controlled syllable type. The other three vowels **e**, **i**, **u**, are also affected by the letter **r**. All three (**er**, **ir**, and **ur**) have the same sound /**ər**/. The keywords are:

er - her - /**ər**/ **ir** - bird - /**ər**/ **ur** - burn - /**ər**/

These r-controlled combinations are not usually difficult for reading but they can be tricky for spelling. When you dictate a word that has an /**ər**/ sound, and your child is not sure if the letter should be an **er**, **ir** or **ur**, use a dictionary in order to check for the correct spelling.

Is it time for a trip to the library? You may want to select one of the following books. They might be a bit more difficult, but can be read by a second grader with your help.

The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron (Random House, 1987)

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon by Paula Danzinger (Putnam & Grosset, 1994)

Eddie's Menagerie by Carolyn Haywood (Morrow, 1978)

Sincerely,





Homework Guide

Follow These 5 Steps:

1. Dictate the word or sentence.
2. Have your child repeat it.
3. Have your child write it.
4. Read the word or sentence again and have your child proofread it carefully.
5. Check his/her work.

WEEK 1

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	invite	these	born	captive
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	twirl	surf	fern	hurt first
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	picture	learn	know	again earth
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	The milk spilled on my shirt.			

WEEK 2

Dictate the words and sentence to your child following the 5 steps listed above.

On Monday Dictate	Review Words	→	birch	turn	girl	curl
On Tuesday Dictate	Current Words	→	termite	sturdy	thirsty	lobster disturb
On Wednesday Dictate	Trick Words	→	circle	because	day	should see
On Thursday Dictate	Sentence	→	The birds sing in the morning.			

