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Grade 3: Weekly Phonics Focus Lesson 22

In our classroom this week, we will review how to read and spell words with the **vowel-r syllable pattern**. Here is the pattern to practice this week:

Vowel-r Syllables	Vowel-r syllables have 1 vowel sound spelled with 1 or 2 vowels and the consonant <i>r</i> , which affects the way the vowel sound is pronounced. The consonant <i>w</i> before the vowel-r pattern changes the a-r and o-r vowel sounds.
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Here are some examples of words with the vowel-r syllable pattern:

car	corn	warm	worn	fern	bird	surf
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Below are activities to practice at home this week. You may also use the activities and questions from the initial **Family Support Letter** to further address your child's success in learning the weekly phonics focus.

Read Words

Guide your child through reading vowel-r words by saying, "Let's read some words." Read these steps to your child:

1. Find the vowel letters and underline them. If there is a consonant *r* following the vowel remember to underline it as part of the vowel sound.
2. Say the syllable type and the vowel sound. Remember, the consonant *w* before the vowel-r pattern changes the a-r and o-r vowel sounds.
3. Read the word.

thorn	drop	march	treat	herd	warmth	creek
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Word Sort

Guide your child through this Word Sort by saying, "Let's sort vowel-r words."
Read these steps to your child:

1. Find the vowel letter. Check if the *consonant* r follows the vowel.
2. Say the vowel sound. Remember, the consonant *w* before the vowel-r pattern changes the a-r and o-r vowel sounds.
3. Write the word under the correct column and read the word.
4. When all the words are written in the chart, read them all.

turn	clerk	swarm	short	work	smart	first
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ar (car)	or (corn)	w + ar (warn)	w + or (worm)

er (fern)	ir (bird)	ur (surf)

As you read and write with your child this week, be on the lookout for words that follow the **vowel-r syllable pattern**. Write the pattern words you and your child find in the correct column.

(Note: A letter in slashes, such as /a/, indicates that the letter sound rather than the letter name should be said.)

ar	or	w + ar	w + or	er	ir	ur
smart	short	swarm	work	clerk	first	turn

Word Sort Answer Key:

Read Words Answer Key: vowel-r, /or/, th^orn; closed, /o/, dr^op; vowel-r, /ar/, m^arch; vowel team, /e/, tr^eg; vowel-r, /er/, h^erd; vowel-r, /w + or/, w^armth; vowel team, /e/, cr^eek