

Dear Family:

You and your child have been doing some wonderful work together. In Unit 13 I am going to add one more **suffix ending** to words. This time the suffix **'es'** will be added to the words. This suffix will be added to closed syllable words such as the word **"lunches."** The baseword is **lunch** and the suffix is **es**.

As a reminder: the procedure for reading the words **lunches** and **wishes** is to read the baseword first and then say it with the suffix as follows:

lunch - lunches **wish - wishes**

To spell a word with a suffix ending, your child hears the entire word **lunches** but then must be able to separate **lunch** from the suffix **es**.

Therefore, after echoing the word **lunches** you may ask, **"What is the baseword?"** Your child should answer, **"lunch."** Then tap out /l/ /u/ /n/ /ch/, say the letters **l - u - n - c - h**, and add the suffix **'es'**.

I am planning to be in this Unit for three weeks. If you think your child needs more practice, do not be concerned, because Unit 14 reviews all the word structure and concepts we have learned; thus your child will be getting additional practice with these procedures.

Sincerely,

