FIRST GRADE SPELLING RULES

Phonogram	Sound and Rule	Example
SH	/sh/	ship
TH	quiet /th/ and noisy /th/	thumb/then
CH	/ch/	chair
WH	/hw/	whistle
-NG	/ăng/ /ĭng/ /ŏng/ /ŭng/	sang, sing, song, sung
-NK	/ănk/ /ĕnk/ /ŏnk/ /ŭnk/	sank, sink, honk, sunk
-ff, -ll, -ss	"At the end of a short 1 syllable word after a short vowel."	cuff, ball, miss
-CK	"At the end of a short 1 syllable word after a short vowel."	duck
DGE	"At the end of a short 1 syllable word after a short vowel."	badge
TCH	"At the end of a short 1 syllable word after a short vowel."	witch
A-E	"The e makes the a say it's name. What's it's name? /ā/"	cake
E-E	"The e makes the e say it's name. What's it's name? /ē/"	eve
I-E	"The e makes the i say it's name. What's it's name? /ī/"	bike
O-E	"The e makes the o say it's name. What's it's name? /ō/"	home
U-E	"The e makes the u say it's name. What's it's name? /ū/"	mule
Soft S= /Z/	"When between 2 vowels, the s sometimes says /z/."	nose
OI	"At the beginning or in the middle of a word."	coin
OY	"At the end of a word."	boy
AR	"What a pirate says /AR/"	car
EE	"/ē/ double ee always says /ē/."	feet
OR	/or/	corn
AI	"At the beginning or in the middle of a word /ā/."	sail
AY	"At the end of a word /ā/."	play
ER	"The first choice when spelling /ir/ sound."	fern
IGH	"/ī/ and is usually followed by a t."	light

Phonogram	Sound and Rule	Example
OA	"Usually in the middle of a word /o/."	boat
Y = /i/	"At the end of very short words, y says /i/."	cry
OO = school	"First choice says /o/ as in school."	school
OO = book	"Second choice says /oo/ as in book."	book
EA = eat	"First choice says /e/ as in eat."	eat
EA = bread	"Second choice says /e/ as in bread."	bread
OU	"At the beginning or the middle of a word says /ou/."	out
OW = snow	"First choice says /o/ as in snow."	snow
OW = plow	"Second choice says /ow/ as in plow."	plow
Soft C	"When c is followed by e, i or y, it says /s/."	city
K	"Spell with k when followed by an e, i or y."	kite
Soft G	"When g is followed by e, i or y, it says /j/."	gentle
KN	"/n/ at the beginning of the word and the k is silent."	knife
IR	/ir/ sound	bird
AU	"At the beginning or the middle of word says /o/."	auto
AW	"At the end of a word and says /o/or followed by l or n."	saw
OE	"At the end of very short words says /o/."	doe
EW	"First choice at the end of a word says /u/."	few
EW	"Second choice at the end of a word says /oo/."	screw
EIGH	"Says /a/ and is usually followed by a t.	eight
UR	/ir/ sound	church

Suffix	Sound and Rule	Example
–ED	"/id/ /d/ /t/ - past tense ending." *Add to end of a base word.	hunted, jumped, drilled
–ING	"Present tense ending." *Add to end of a base word.	ending

Plurals	Sound and Rule	Example
–s	"Add to the end of words to make more than one."	cats
–es	"Add to the end of words that end in sh, ch, z, s and x to make plural."	wishes, catches, buzzes, classes, boxes
y to i	"When adding s to the end of a word that ends in y, change the y to i and add es."	babies