In Grade 1, the code information is presented to students through two instructional tools: (1) Code Flip Books (one for consonants and one for vowels) used for group instruction and classroom display; and (2) Individual Code Charts for each student. The Code Flip Books are used with a set of Spelling Cards that are to be affixed to the appropriate Code Flip Book pages as sounds and spellings are reviewed in Unit 1. The Code Flip Books show (in grey print) the spellings for all sounds taught in Grade 1. As you review the sounds in this unit you will be asked to place the Spelling Card on the appropriate Code Flip Book page.

Each Spelling Card is printed front and back. One side of the card shows the sound.

The other side of the card shows three things: The top of this side of the card shows the spelling. The bottom shows a sample word containing the spelling. In the middle is a power bar. The power bar gives an indication of how common this spelling is for the sound it represents. A long power bar that stretches almost across the card means that this is the main spelling for the sound and there are very few words that have this sound spelled any other way. A very short power bar means that the spelling is less common and occurs in fewer English words.

Vowel sounds will always be written in green on the Spelling Cards because when saying a vowel sound, the mouth is wide open, letting the air “go.” The r-controlled vowel sounds are written in a different color, blue, to show that they are a combination of a vowel sound and a consonant sound.
/a/

hat
/u/

but
/eel/

bee
/oe/

open

home

toe
/ue/

u_e
cute
/loo/

look
/ou/

ou

shout
/er/

er

her
/ar/
/or/

or

for