

### Consonant Cluster Cards:

The following cards contain words with the consonant clusters; unlike digraphs, the clusters do not create a new sound. The letters of the cluster are blended together. The letters that are in color are the letters that form the consonant cluster.

Consonant clusters are produced with two or more consonants (for example: str, scr, squ, dge, mb).

These cards will be used with the children this year. Here are some suggested activities when the cards are printed in color:

1. Have the children look at the letters in orange. They are to say the sound the letters make **first**, and then say the word so the child learns the rules of phonics.
2. Print two sets of cards; have the student use the activity as a concentration game. They are to flip over the card, say the sound the cluster makes, and then say the entire word.
3. Hand your child a card with a word. Identify the colored letters and the sound that is made. Have your child write other words that have the same letter pattern that create the same sound.
4. Give the student the cards and ask them to separate the cards by consonant clusters- squ in one pile, str in another pile etc.

string pastry

scrap scrub

sprout spring

shrub shrink

square

squid

threw

throat

bridge

badge

thumb

climb

talk

walker

desks

ask

wasp

space

lost

step

went

pant

felt

salt

softer

often