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| **Literacy First Term** | **Examples** |
| CVC word-a word with a consonant, vowel, consonant pattern; the vowel makes a short sound | Cat, bet, sit, fox, nut |
| CVCe word-a word with a consonant, vowel, consonant pattern that has a silent e at the end of the word. The silent e makes the vowel have a long vowel, or say its name | Bake, kite, lone |
| Vowel digraph-two vowels together in a word; when two vowels are together the first vowel says its name | Seat, meet |
| Consonant digraph-two consonants together in a word; they make one sound together | Where, chunk, phone |
| Consonant blend-when two consonants are together in a word, you can hear the individual sounds, but they are pushed together | Close, black |
| Vowel diphthong-when two vowels are together in a word and they make a “whining” sound. | Town, yawn, boom |
| Multi-syllabic words-words with more than one syllable | Caterpillar, telephone, began, oval |
| Open syllable words-words that have a long vowel sound in the first syllable | Began, oval, relief |
| Closed syllable words-words that have short vowel sound in the first syllable | Caterpillar, telephone |