

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SPELLING AND READING WORDS

* For this first week, we have attached a copy of the spelling and reading words along with this note. Our spelling and readings word lists will be posted on our website weekly. Starting next week, we will only **post** the words on the homework tab section of our class websites in order to save paper and go green! If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know.

High Frequency Word Lists (Reading Words)

Please read and study the high frequency reading words with your child this week. They will be asked to read them in class on Friday orally as part of their reading grade. These are separate from the spelling words and come directly from our literacy series to follow the phonics rule or skill of the week. We understand that these words may not be difficult or challenging for every child. We are looking for consistency across writing, spelling, and reading which is when we know that the rule or skill is mastered.

Spelling Test Information

Spelling lists are posted on our website every Monday. Our goal is to promote lifelong spellers that can spell words with accuracy and proper usage not only for the "Friday test" but in all written work. The words we practice are words commonly used by first graders in their written language. After the words are mastered on tests, we should see the child spelling those words correctly on writing tasks. Otherwise, they are only memorizing for the test, rather than understanding the real world application. The words we are learning are for life, not just first grade spelling class.

Here are some spelling strategies that may help with learning these words by practicing at home.

Spelling Study Strategies

1. 'Look, Say, Study, Write, Check' method

- Copy the words correctly from the model.
- Look at the word and say it.
- Cover the word and spell it out loud.
- Cover the word and spell it in your head.
- Cover the word and write it again.
- Check the word.

2. Write the words three times each

3. Identify patterns or word families within the list

4. Type words on a home computer

5. Add clapping or movement while spelling the word

Spelling Extensions

If you notice that your child has mastered these words right away you can extend their learning and understanding by having them use these extension activities.

1. Use the words in a sentence.
2. Identify patterns or word families (trip, grip, flip) within the list and add more words of the like.