

Second Grade Spelling

Second Grade's spelling program begins this week. The newsletter includes the spelling list, as well as www.spellingcity.com/uggeer. The list will have 5 words that follow a weekly spelling pattern plus 5 high frequency (sight) words.

A quiz will be given at the end of the week. It will include the 10 words from the newsletter plus 5 additional unknown words. The 5 "mystery" words will not be known to the students, but will follow the same weekly pattern. The weekly quiz will have a total of 15 words. There will also be a Dictation Section. Your child will have three sentences to write, using our spelling pattern and high frequency words. Writing conventions, spelling and punctuation are graded in this section.

There will not be a complete list of spelling words sent home for your child to practice. We want students to become better spellers by focusing on spelling patterns. The known words will count 8 points; the unknown words will count 4 points. The quiz will be a recorded grade.

There is a different spelling pattern each week. Students will have class time to work with the weekly pattern; however, help at home is encouraged and appreciated.

Ideas on ways to help at home:

- Make a list of all of the words you can think of which follow the pattern.
- Sort words into categories-ex. For 1st week: -ame, -ape, -ate, -ake, -ade, -ace, --ave...
- Change beginning letters to form new words – 'game'...change /g/ to /n/ and you get 'name.'
- Use the practice activities found in the binder
- Play "If you can spell _____, then you can spell _____." Ex: If you can spell cake, then you can spell snake.
- Old fashion way-call out the words with the weekly pattern and have your child write it and spell it out loud.

Words for the Week of September 2-5

1. make
2. flame
3. snake
4. late
5. save
6. people
7. right
8. too
9. come
10. good

a_e Pattern words

Pattern Ideas to Study: -ame, -ate, -ase, -ake, -ave, -ale, -afe, -ade, and -ape
(In class students will brainstorm words that follow the spelling pattern. Some of these words may become the 5 mystery words.)

The following website has words grouped according to phonetic patterns. It is a great site to find pattern words for home practice.

<http://www.theschoolhouse.us/>