

Word Study Procedures at Home

Five Step Word Study Methods for Students (Cut, Sort, Write)

1. Cut out weekly word sort list words
2. Write the column headings on Cut, Sort, Write page
3. Look at each word carefully
4. Say the word aloud to yourself
5. Spell, (say each letter) to yourself
6. Write the word from memory in the appropriate column (Cover the word and write it)
7. Check your written word against the correct spelling
8. Repeat this procedure for each word

Alphabetize and Write (Independent)

1. Sort spelling words in alphabetical order
2. Write the spelling words in alphabetical order

Word Sort and Pictures and Sentences (Independent)

1. Sort spelling words into the appropriate columns by the rule
2. Choose five words to illustrate
3. Choose another (different) eight words and write complete sentences that show understanding of the meaning of the word

OPTIONAL PRACTICE:

Word Sort and Practice Spelling Test (Partner)

1. Working with a partner, sort spelling words into the appropriate columns as quickly as possible.
2. Label the columns with the sort rule on the Pre-Test page
3. Have a partner give spelling test
4. Write the words spelled correctly in the appropriate column
5. Partner checks spelling

On-line Spelling Practice available at: (See 4th grade website for link)

<http://www.spellingcity.com/View-user-profile.html?user=250204>

4th Grade Spelling

As a fourth grade team we believe spelling is important. We are incorporating "Words their Way," a hands-on instructional approach to word study and phonemic awareness.

At the beginning of each week your child will receive a differentiated spelling list/word sort. In-class time will be spent sorting and exploring spelling patterns which students should be able to demonstrate and practice at home.

Attached is a list of ideas of how to study at home. Please use and **make copies** as you see fit for your child. We know all children learn differently and want you to decide with them which method of studying is most appropriate and helpful.

The final assessment will be given at the end of each week. The expectation is that each child be able to not only spell each word correctly, but also group words according to their spelling patterns. Practice tests given this way at home will help prepare your child for his/her weekly assessment.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team