

3rd Grade Spelling

Weekly spelling practice has begun! Please look for your child's spelling list and notebook each week. *Read below to find out more about the third grade spelling routine.*

The Edina School District has adopted "Words Their Way," as a hands-on instructional approach to word study and phonemic awareness.

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 are **expected to practice at home**.

Attached is a list of ideas of how to study at home. Please use and make copies of your child's spelling list/word sort as you see fit. 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. In order to gauge students' understanding of that week's focus, two bonus words (words not found on the list but that follow the studied pattern) will be added to the weekly test. Optional practice tests given this way at home will help prepare your child for his/her weekly assessment.

Please see our third grade webpage for extra samples of assessment and printable tools to practice at home.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team