

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Every week, your child will be receiving a sheet of sight words in their Friday Folder (see attached). Please cut these words apart and have your child practice saying them aloud. Please keep the cards at home to practice whenever possible.

Sight words are really important to learn. They are 'service words' that children need to be able to read straight away without getting caught up on meaning or 'sounding out'. Knowing these words adds fluency to their reading. (Your child does not need to memorize how to spell these words.)

Included below are some suggestions on how to practice sight words at home. Remember not to make the sight word sessions too long or too formal. Children may switch off if things are 'forced'. You may also want to pop a few that you are focusing on, up on the wall next to their bed, and have a quick run through before going to sleep.

Sincerely,
1st Grade Team

15 Ways to Make Learning Sight Words Fun hope you enjoy.....

1. Find sight words in newspapers and magazines
2. Play 'hangman' using sight words
3. Play 'tic tac toe' here I go, where I stop I do not know - stop on a word - children say the word - children love being the teacher with this too.
4. Place words in alphabetical order.
5. With 2 sets of cards - play 'memory game' / 'concentration game'.
6. Play 'Who am I?' Choose about 10 cards. Children guess the word you are describing e.g. I have 5 letters, I begin with t .
7. Play 'beat the clock' - how many times can a word be written in one minute or more.
8. Using laminated word cards and white board markers circle letters / blends within words.
9. Write the words on concrete with chalk.
10. Play dominoes using same end letter/ beginning letter.
11. Go for a word walk and find words around your environment / signs, etc.
12. Play 'snap' using the word cards - snapping on words that begin with the same letter.
13. Play 'stepping stones' - place words on the floor, children walk over them saying the word as they go.
14. Place chosen words on the floor, toss a coin over the words, children say the word the coin lands on or near.
15. Make a list of words which rhyme with chosen sight words.