

WORD STUDY TIPS

First Graders should practice both reading and spelling our weekly words.

- When you receive the spelling list for the week, check which words your child can read and practice writing those words first.
- Talk about what your child will need to remember in order to make a word look right. What is odd or different and what is unique about the word? Examples: Are there double letters? Two vowels together? Is there a blend or a digraph with two or three letters making one sound? Which of the letters are short or tall? Do any of the letters hang below the line?
- Use other words or chunks your child already knows and is familiar with reading and spelling to help learn a new word. For example, if your child knows 'my' that can help them with 'by' or if your child knows 'ate' that can help them with 'skate'.
- Magnetic letters are an extremely useful tool when practicing spelling words. They can be used to make words by putting the letters in the correct order and scrambling and unscrambling them. We often use them in the classroom. Similar magnets to the ones we use in our classroom can be found here: <http://amzn.to/XGQLZ3>
- While your child is practicing writing or making a word be sure they are reading it after each time it is written or made. First graders must know and remember what word they are writing. In their head they must be connecting the letters to the word.
- Have your child give you a spelling test. Purposely miss a few words and ask them to correct it.
- Mix up the letters in a word and have your child figure out the word and put the letters in order.
- Make it fun! Use markers, crayons, chalk, magnetic letters, an etch-a-sketch, shaving cream, sand, colored pens or pencils, play dough, alphabet stamps, etc.

SPELLING CITY

Spelling City provides games, activities and tests for children to practice their words.

You can access the site online or they have mobile apps for your phone/tablets.

We have a premium membership — your child's username and password are stapled to this paper.

I will frequently upload and link to games on our classroom website.

WWW.MRSECKERTSCCLASS.COM/WORD-WIZARDS

Spelling is not just about spelling the word correctly on spelling tests,
these words will help first graders to become independent readers and writers.

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