

FIRST GRADE NOTES

October 2019



Spelling

Dear Families,

Our first spelling list will be coming home soon! On Friday spelling tests, students will be asked to spell any word that fits our weekly regular spelling pattern.

In an effort to create “word lovers” and “word scientists” here are some games and activities that are sure to help!

Spelling Website Games:

www.spellingtraining.com

<https://kidspell.com/>

<https://www.mrnussbaum.com/spellingcentral/>

<http://mrnussbaum.com/wordquake-2/>

www.abcya.com/first_grade_computers.htm

Spelling iPad Apps:

A+ Spelling Test	Rocket Speller Plus
Oz Phonics 2	Montesorri Crosswords
Word Wizard for Kids	Spelling Monster
Howie Hungry Monster (Build Words) by PlaySmart-Kids	
Mystery Word Town Spelling	

Different ways to practice spelling words at home:

- ABC Order: write spelling words in ABC order
- Computer: type your spelling words two times each (*experiment with fonts & colors*)
- Rainbow Words: write words in different color markers or pens
- Fancy Letters: write spelling words using fancy letters
- Play-Doh/ pipe cleaners: make words out of play-doh or pipe cleaners
- Side walk chalk: write spelling words using side walk chalk
- Unscramble: use magnetic letters, scramble the letters up and have child put back together correctly
- Practice Test: take a practice spelling test & have a family member check your work

**For more ideas, see the back of the spelling introduction letter that will come home attached to the first spelling list.



lodgebug's teacher files

Important Dates

- Fri., Oct. 4: Homecoming Game / Kinkaid spirit dress day
- Wed., Oct. 9: No School-Yom Kippur
- Mon., Oct. 14: No School- Columbus Day
- Fri., Oct. 25: Dress Uniform begins (*Students will wear their dress uniform every Friday beginning 10-25 to the end of the year unless noted.*)
- Tues., Oct. 29: Field Trip to Children’s Museum of Houston (Permission slip will come home 10-21-19.)
- Thurs., Oct. 31: Halloween Party @ 2:30
- Fri., Nov. 1: St. John’s Game / Falcon Family Feast / Kinkaid spirit dress day

What We’re Learning About!

Reading:

- Making connections with text
- Story elements: characters, settings, problem, solution
- Character traits
 - inside vs. outside character traits
 - compare & contrast characters
 - finding evidence within the text

Writing:

- Sustaining a topic
- Small moment stories
- Adjectives in writing

Math:

- Addition/Subtraction: solve problems involving addition & subtraction; add./sub. equations; add & subtract within 20
- Number stories
- Skip counting

Spelling:

- Week 1: The (i) sound in initial or medial sound = i (ex: itch/pig)
- Week 2: The (a) sound in initial or medial position = a (ex: apple/cat)
- Week 3: The (o) sound in initial or medial position = o (ex: octopus/box)
- Week 4: The (u) sound in a closed syllable = u (ex: umbrella)

Social Emotional Learning:

- Put the I in kind
- Notice and act