

FIRST GRADE SPELLING

Dear Parents,

We are now beginning our formal spelling program. Every Monday your child will bring home a list of copied spelling words. This will be the list for the week. Please help your child keep this list in a safe place. There are 10 words each week.

For your convenience, we have sent you a master copy of the first set of words (Lists 1-9). You may want your child to start working on the spelling words for the week, ahead of time. Please only work on the words that we are studying that week, if you go too far ahead it may confuse your child.

We will also give the children opportunities to practice their weekly spelling words during class time. From now on, until the end of the school year, Wednesday night's homework will be to give your child a practice-spelling test. We will send a signature slip each week for you to sign.

On Thursday we will have a practice or "pretest" in class. If your child spells all the spelling words correctly on the pretest, he/she will not need to take the final test given on Friday. We will send home each child's test. If your child misses any words on the spelling pretest, he/she will need to take the final test on Friday. The grades on the tests will be averaged to get the report card grade in spelling. Please see the grade scale below.

Vocabulary homework will now be on Monday nights.

As always, we appreciate all the support you are giving your first grader at home.

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team

SPELLING GRADE SCALE

- 0 = A+
- 1 = A-
- 2 = B-
- 3 = C-
- 4 = D-
- 5 = F