Must Know Words
Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

Beginning in Kindergarten, teachers can introduce spelling words through shared reading or writing experiences. Students can start to spell words independently during the year and are expected to master a list of 25 commonly used words by the end of the year.

Weekly spelling lists begin in first grade to allow students to focus on learning only a few words at a time. In first grade, students have 4 new words per week. In second grade, students have 5 new words, and in third grade they have 6 words each week. During the first six weeks of each school year, students have review words to practice from the previous year. (This supports students’ self-confidence and allows them to concentrate on learning necessary routines and procedures.) In third grade, most weeks have a common theme that connects the spelling words. After third grade, many teachers continue to review previously taught words and introduce additional prefixes, suffixes, Greek or Latin roots, and less common or foreign words.

Students need to be held accountable for learning and retaining weekly words. Teachers will administer weekly spelling tests on Mondays to assess mastery of the new words introduced the prior Monday and a random selection of previously taught words. Spelling Test Forms are attached at the end of this document.

Students should also be responsible for understanding the meaning and usage of their words. Teachers may ask students to create or take dictation of sentences with taught spelling words.
# Kindergarten Must Know Word List

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First Grade
Must Know Word Lists

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<td>Quarter 1</td>
<td>None (First Week)</td>
<td>the up go is</td>
<td>in can at you</td>
<td>am he it see</td>
<td>like we to all</td>
<td>at my and do</td>
<td>an so come day</td>
<td>as for get him</td>
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<td>has play are was</td>
<td>this by went will</td>
<td>they too both but</td>
<td>None (Thanksgiving)</td>
<td>girl if not out</td>
<td>of put saw his</td>
<td>None (Week Before Winter Break)</td>
<td>or say then us</td>
<td>jump now she from</td>
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<td>off have just make</td>
<td>came been than very</td>
<td>one when home let</td>
<td>were your love take</td>
<td>that want down know</td>
<td>any here our said</td>
<td>much over three today</td>
<td>under what with ask</td>
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<td>None (Week Before Spring Break)</td>
<td>two soon page best</td>
<td>often wait pretty next</td>
<td>their walk family school</td>
<td>there who great such</td>
<td>read think until begin</td>
<td>because high does each</td>
<td>house might friend goes</td>
<td>color few after before</td>
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# Second Grade

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<td>None (First Week)</td>
<td>want because just too when</td>
<td>often their family pretty next</td>
<td>there until high friend after</td>
<td>before might goes been never</td>
<td>where away soon wait your</td>
<td>clock give large must part</td>
<td>keep city help place small</td>
<td>many says sound thank try</td>
<td>again learn long use without</td>
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<td><strong>Quarter 2</strong></td>
<td>little thing about carry drink</td>
<td>kind word easy first took made</td>
<td>some tell third took wanted</td>
<td>None (Thanksgiving)</td>
<td>need never really spell won</td>
<td>along into bring draw every</td>
<td>None (Week Before Winter Break)</td>
<td>other people still well you're</td>
<td>favorite having special these would</td>
<td>across become could happy mother</td>
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<td><strong>Quarter 3</strong></td>
<td>brother dear even mail rain</td>
<td>second study better follow going</td>
<td>means sister turn usually write</td>
<td>hear light own played they're</td>
<td>almost above beautiful head outside</td>
<td>knew new ready shook that's</td>
<td>couldn't haven't didn't doesn't won't</td>
<td>happen should sometimes teacher wouldn't</td>
<td>children around caught leave point</td>
<td>can't different float night once</td>
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<td>None (Week Before Spring Break)</td>
<td>magic probably right suddenly upon</td>
<td>found grew start thought yesterday</td>
<td>slowly whole yourself another buy</td>
<td>don't hurt laugh present something</td>
<td>crashes eight sincerely those world</td>
<td>America animal myself phone which</td>
<td>being threw through change while</td>
<td>little world totally please simply</td>
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<td>usually through something beautiful second become</td>
<td>yesterday thought while another around special</td>
<td>being change different please along whole</td>
<td>sincerely happen ready learn present third</td>
<td>example arrange between question careful picture</td>
<td>death earth heard measure breathe swear</td>
<td>rhyme rhythm schedule twelfth swung wrong</td>
<td>history country category library mystery poetry</td>
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<td>everybody cannot brainstorm fourteen however understood neighbor weigh height weird believe field chance sentence advance accident voice source</td>
<td>fourth torn horse behavior worry report</td>
<td>answer together either order remember several</td>
<td>piece peace lessen lesson morning mourning</td>
<td>allowed aloud whose who's its it's</td>
<td>sense cents rung wrung principal principle</td>
<td>loving making writing hopping swimming during</td>
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<td>teacher writer winner counter fighter jewelers</td>
<td>quickest latest furthest angrier earlier thinner dreamed showed hopped learned kicked finished</td>
<td>chose cost drew meant stolen wrote</td>
<td>dealt flew froze broke bought built</td>
<td>buses reaches prizes pencils patches boxes</td>
<td>babies series pennies spies heroes echoes</td>
<td>halves leaves themselves wives wolves shelves</td>
<td>incredible indefinite important impossible import disagree</td>
<td>understood unusual uncertain uncover unfold unveil</td>
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<td>harden lengthen toughen wooden tighten dampen friendly finally wisely nearly safely assembly</td>
<td>colorful wonderful hopeful delightful adventurous nervous</td>
<td>ability equality useless worthless community majority hopelessly ageless activity breathless</td>
<td>careless uselesness descriptive autograph alphabet poetry graph</td>
<td>likeable usable responsible enjoyable sensible enviable</td>
<td>direction location pollution protection attention information</td>
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* See the last page of this document for weekly themes
Name ___________________________________________  Date ____________

Spelling Test

Choose 5 words at a time to test.

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2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

Score / 5
First Grade Must Know Words Test Form

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Spelling Test

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Second Grade Must Know Words Test Form

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Spelling Test

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Third Grade Must Know Words Test Form

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Spelling Test

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