

## **Must Know Words**

### **Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

a	in	the
am	is	to
and	it	up
at	like	we
can	me	you
dad	mom	
do	my	
go	no	
he	on	
I	see	

# First Grade

## Must Know Word Lists

*\*Shaded weeks are review words from the previous school year*

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>None</b> (First Week)	the up go is	in can at you	am he it see	like we to all	at my and do	an so come day	as for get him	all name get her	be got had look
<b>WEEK</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Quarter 2</b>	has play are was	this by went will	they too both but	<b>None</b> (Thanks-giving)	girl if not out	of put saw his	<b>None</b> (Week Before Winter Break)	or say then us	jump now she from	four yes how them
<b>WEEK</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Quarter 3</b>	off have just make	came been than very	one when home let	were your love take	that want down know	any here our said	much over three today	under what with ask	away where find idea	last more never same
<b>WEEK</b>	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>None</b> (Week Before Spring Break)	two soon page best	often wait pretty next	their walk family school	there who great such	read think until begin	because high does each	house might friend goes	color few after before	<b>None</b> (Last Week)

## Second Grade Must Know Word Lists

*\*Shaded weeks are review words from the previous school year*

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>None</b> (First Week)	want because just too when	often their family pretty next	there until high friend after	before might goes been never	where away soon wait your	clock give large must part	keep city help place small	many says sound thank try	again learn long use without
<b>WEEK</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Quarter 2</b>	little thing about carry drink	kind word easy first made	some tell third took wanted	<b>None</b> (Thanks- giving)	need never really spell won	along into bring draw every	<b>None</b> (Week Before Winter Break)	other people still well you're	favorite having special these would	across become could happy mother
<b>WEEK</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Quarter 3</b>	brother dear even mail rain	second study better follow going	means sister turn usually write	hear light own played they're	almost above beautiful head outside	knew new ready shook that's	couldn't haven't didn't doesn't won't	happen should sometimes teacher wouldn't	children around caught leave point	can't different float night once
<b>WEEK</b>	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>None</b> (Week Before Spring Break)	magic probably right suddenly upon	found grew start thought yesterday	slowly whole yourself another buy	don't hurt laugh present something	crashes eight sincerely those world	America animal myself phone which	being threw through change while	little world totally please simply	<b>None</b> (Last Week)

# Third Grade

## Must Know Word Lists

*\*Shaded weeks are review words from the previous school year*

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>None</b> (First Week)	probably follow favorite children people other	usually through something beautiful second become	yesterday thought while another around special	being change different please along whole	sincerely happen ready learn present third	example arrange between question careful picture	death earth heard measure breathe swear	rhyme rhythm schedule twelfth swung wrong	history country category library mystery poetry
WEEK	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Quarter 2</b>	everybody cannot brainstorm fourteen however understood	neighbor weigh height weird believe field	chance sentence advance accident voice source	<b>None</b> (Thanks-giving)	fourth torn horse behavior worry report	answer together either order remember several	piece peace lessen lesson morning mourning	allowed aloud whose who's its it's	sense cents rung wrung principal principle	loving making writing hopping swimming during
WEEK	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Quarter 3</b>	teacher writer winner counter fighter jeweler	quickest latest furthest angrier earlier thinner	dreamed showed hopped learned kicked finished	chose cost drew meant stolen wrote	dealt flew froze broke bought built	buses reaches prizes pencils patches boxes	babies series pennies spies heroes echoes	halves leaves themselves wives wolves shelves	incredible indefinite important impossible import disagree	understood unusual uncertain uncover unfriendly unveil
WEEK	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>None</b> (Week Before Spring Break)	harden lengthen toughen wooden tighten dampen	friendly finally wisely nearly safely assembly	colorful wonderful hopeful delightful adventurous nervous	ability equality community majority identity activity	careless useless worthless hopeless ageless breathless	graph biography autograph photograph describe scribble	likeable usable responsible enjoyable sensible enviable	direction location pollution protection attention information	<b>None</b> (Last Week)

*\* 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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