

Kindergarten Sight Words “Starter Pack”

Kindergarten Families,

We are going to be starting to learn about sight words in class. Sight words are an important part of learning to read and write. A sight word is a word that is immediately recognized as a whole and does not require word analysis for identification. Good readers instantly recognize sight words without having to decode them. Sight words are usually "high-frequency" words, which occur most frequently in our language.

(definition from Carollk12.org)

Every few weeks, I will be sending home a new list of sight words to be practiced at home. I will be constantly informally checking and assessing the student's understanding of these words to see when they are ready to move on to new words. I will also be formally assessing them at different points throughout the year, I will notify you when.

Attached is the “Starter Pack”. This includes *Fry's 60 Kindergarten High Frequency Sight Words* as well as some fun and interactive ways for your child to practice their sight words at home. The purpose of this is for you to be aware of the words, and to get a start on practicing at home if you feel like your child is ready. This work does not need to be returned to school and is simply to help your child learn in the way of their choosing! Please save this to refer to for all future sight word lists. I will also include a copy under the “resources” tab on the blog, along with other resources from District 112. (missduckman.weebly.com)

If you would like any additional resources, please feel free to ask. As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Happy practicing!

-Miss Duckman

Ways to Practice Sight Words at Home

1. Flashcards- Use the flashcards provided to make a new set of flashcards (attached) to practice writing the sight words. Use new set to play other games.
2. Memory- Make a second set of flashcards and flip them all over to the blank side. Flip cards over and read the word. Try to find the matches.
3. Bingo- Randomly write sight words on a bingo board. Call out a word and have your child find it and place a bingo chip, color square, etc. on it. (Bingo board attached)
4. Go Fish- Make a second set of flashcards. Play Go Fish with a parent or sibling, reading the words to ask for them.
5. Shaving Cream Spelling- Spray shaving cream onto your table or in a cookie sheet. Have an adult read the word to you (or read it yourself) and then spell it in the shaving cream.
6. Word Hunt- Choose 5 sight words for which to search. Have your child hunt for them in different texts, seeing which one he/she can find the most. (If using newspapers or magazines, you can have your child cut out the words to make a collage, or highlight them.)
7. Clap, Spell, Chant- Clap the word, spell it letter by letter as you clap, then chant the word again!
8. Flashlight Words- Tape word cards on the ceiling or wall. Turn out the lights, and have your child shine a flashlight on the word and read it.

