

Here are some ways to study your spelling words! If you choose one a night you will be ready for Friday's spelling test!

☺ **Comic Strip** - Use this handy blank comic strip form to create a comic strip using each of your spelling words!

☺ **Type 'Em** - Type all of your spelling words on the computer or on a typewriter. You can even email them to me!

☺ **Fancy Letters** - Use old magazines, catalogs, or newspapers to cut out letters and glue them down to spell your words!

☺ **Spelling Baseball** - Draw four bases on a piece of paper or set up four chairs to be the bases. Pitcher selects a word. If batter can spell it correctly, he moves forward one base. If batter cannot spell word, he remains where he is. Child receives point every time he passes home base.

☺ **Spelling Bingo** - Each player folds a piece of paper 4 times so you have 16 boxes. Each person makes his own game board and chooses 16 words from the current list and past lists (or use the same words more than once). Write one word in each box. The caller says a spelling word. If a player has the word on his bingo card, he traces over it with a pen or colored pencil. If the player does not have the word, he turns his paper over and writes it on the back. For a real challenge, play black-out bingo.

☺ **Snowman or Scarecrow (Hangman)** - Snowman is a nonviolent version of Hangman. On a wipe-off board or chalkboard, draw a snowman with hat and three buttons. Play like hangman (don't forget to draw the lines to show how many letters the chosen word has), but erase a part of the snowman for each guess. The object is to guess the word before the snowman melts.

☺ **Trace Around** - Print one of your spelling words neatly. Take a colored pen and draw an outline around the word, closely following the shapes of the letters. Close your eyes and remember the shape. Now try to write the word.

☺ **ABC Order** - Write your words in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

☺ **Riddle Me** - Write a riddle for each word.

☺ **Connect the Dots** - Make a square of 4 rows of dots with 4 dots in each row. Before taking a turn, the player must spell a spelling word. If the word is correct, he connects two dots. When a player forms a square, he can write his initials in the box. Player with most squares at the end wins.

☺ **Story, Story** - Write a story using ALL of your spelling words.

- 👉 **Sentence Please** - Write a sentence for each spelling word.
- 👉 **Colorful Words** - Use two different color pens to write your spelling words. Use one color to write the consonants and the other for the vowels. Do this one more time. Close your eyes and picture the word in your mind. Now try and write the word with just one color.
- 👉 **Wordsearch** - Make a wordsearch puzzle. Do it online!
- 👉 **Memory Game** - Make pairs of word cards. Flip them over and try to match the pairs!
- 👉 **Finger Tracing** - Use your finger to spell out each of your words one letter at a time on your Mom or Dad's back. Then it's YOUR turn to feel and spell.
- 👉 **Practice Test** - Take a practice test (this is especially good on Thursday night before the REAL test!)
- 👉 **Scrabble** - Use Scrabble tiles to spell your words.
- 👉 **Sing Them Loud, Sing Them Soft** - Have your Mom or Dad sing the letters of a spelling word to you in a loud voice. You echo the spelling and then sing it again softly. Now BOTH of you sing the word in the voice you choose!
- 👉 **Swat Words** - Write out your spelling words in big letters on a big sheet of paper. Give your parents clues like we do during Morning Meeting. ("The first letter is _ and the last letter is _.") See if they can "swat it" with a fly swatter! (Maybe they'll even let you cut one so it looks like our classroom's word swatter if you ask nicely!)
- 👉 **Alliterations** - Do any of your spelling words begin with the same sound? Even if they don't, you can write alliterations for them! Try to use as many words as you can within the sentence that have the same beginning sound -- BUT it has to make sense to be a sentence! Now try saying them quickly. Got your tongue tied?
- 👉 **Spreadsheet Them** - Use Excel to type your words into separate cells. Then make each cell a different font, color, and size. Finally, let the computer sort them into alphabetical order!
- 👉 **Rainbow Words** - Write a spelling word with your pencil. Now trace around the outside with a crayon, hugging the same but not touching the letters. Pick two other crayons to continue tracing outward.
- 👉 **Stairsteps** - Write words as if they are stairs, adding one letter each time. (If you are using lined paper, begin up against the left margin line. If you are using graph paper, begin on the left.)