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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We are excited for the students to begin learning sight words in kindergarten! Sight words make up 60% to 85% of the text in children’s early reading materials. Students who can recognize them instantly become fluent readers more quickly. We encourage you to practice these words often. Our goal is for every kindergarten student to leave knowing all of these words within 3-5 seconds of seeing them.

Attached is a complete list of all the sight words for the year. Please keep this in a safe spot at home so you can refer to it throughout the year. We introduce two-three words per week and there are 50 words total.

We’ve also attached a list of sight word game suggestions and flash cards that you can cut out. Hopefully they will help make sight word practice exciting for your child.

Thank you for being part of this exciting time for learning!

The Kindergarten Teachers

Sight words we will learn this year:

a, me

the, I

like, my

at, see

is, and, can

an, in, it

am, on

go, so, no

do, to, up

we, he, you

went, are, this

look, for, get

come, got, play

was, had, they

will, too, all

be, as, ball

by, day, did

has, her, him

fun

**Sight Word Activities**

Listed below are activities that you can do at home to practice these words. Have fun!

**Write for Fun!**

Write your words in bathtub soap, with letter magnets, in shaving cream or salt or sugar on a tray.  Make your words in play doh. Have fun with the words!

Sight Word Memory

Write the sight words on index cards. Make two sets and play sight word memory by flipping card over and matching words.

What’s the Password?

Tape a sight word to the doorways of rooms in your house. You cannot enter the room unless you read the (pass)word!

Scavenger Hunt

Write words on sticky notes and place them around the house. See how many words you can collect and read.

Word Detective

Read a book to your child and have him or her be a “sight word detective”. Find and read sight words in the text. Use a magnifying glass for more fun!

Let’s Go Fishing

Place paperclips on the word cards. Use a magnet attached to a string and stick to “fish” for sight words. Read the word or you have to throw it back into the pond!

Pin the Finger on the Sight Word

This game is like “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”. Write sight words on a large piece of paper. Tie a scarf around the child, spin him/her around and have him/her place a finger on a sight word. Remove the scarf and have the child read the word.

Word War

Write sight words on a stack of index cards. Each player takes a turn flipping a card over. The first one to read the sight word wins that card. The adult should count to ten before reading the word, giving the kindergartner a chance to think.

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