

Dear Families,

To help master sight words please follow these directions while working with your child.

- Begin with 3 - 5 words. Work on these words until they are mastered. Add in new words as old words are mastered, keeping the old ones in the rotation.
- Show one word to your child and tell them what it is. Have them repeat the word back to you. (For example: "This is "and". What word is this?")
- After you have told them each of the 3 - 5 words several times, show the word and ask, "What word is this?" Wait three seconds and if your child doesn't give the correct answer within that time, tell them the word. Have them repeat it back to you. If your child doesn't know the word, encourage them to wait for you to tell it and not just randomly guess. This is called near-errorless learning.
- Work on the words in one setting if possible until all of the 3 -5 words can be said quickly upon presentation.
- The next time you practice the words, begin with the old words that have been mastered and then gradually add in new ones. This may be only one or two new words and that is okay.
- Eventually your child will begin naming the words quickly with few errors

Please remember that daily practice is important for your child. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Woods

Some fun ideas for keeping the fun in practicing mastered words:

1. **Beat the Clock:** Set a timer for one minute. See how many times a sight word can be written during that minute. After counting how many times, use that number as a new goal for another word.
2. **Race Track:** Lay out the flashcards like a race track. Roll a dice and move a counter along the track. Say the word the counter lands on. If the word is read incorrectly, move back to the original position. As an alternative, make "roll again", "miss a turn", and "crash" cards to make it more challenging.
3. **Memory:** Make a second set of cards and play.
4. **Race Lane:** Hang up two sight words and race your child across the room to read the sight word in your lane.
5. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide the flashcards around the house and go on a hunt to find and say them.
6. **Go Fish:** Make a second set of cards and play.
7. **Tic Tac Toe:** Use sight words on tic tac toe board, say the word to claim the spot.
8. **Flashlight Words:** Tape the words up around the house, turn off the lights and find them. Say the word when the light is shining on it.
9. **Climb the Stairs:** Put a word on each step, say the word as your climb the stairs.
10. **What's Missing?** Place 3 - 4 words on the table and read them. Close your eyes have them remove one word. Identify the missing word. Take turns.