

Friday News

Spelling study choices:
Write your words on paper in rainbow colors, write your words in the sand, and write the words in shaving cream. If your child is ready for a little bit of a challenge have them write the words in a sentence (see how many spelling words they can fit in one sentence!), visit spelling city on their teacher's web site.

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Spalding Spelling
You may have noticed that the beginning words in Spalding are VERY easy - and that they are repeats of words seen last year (if your child was in kindergarten at KTA). This is part of the Spalding system - while kids are learning the phonograms, the rules of marking words, and the routines of the Spalding lesson, the words are kept easy. They quickly get harder as more phonograms are mastered. So don't be alarmed - easy words are used for teaching the system, then harder words are introduced.

Also, you'll notice that words are not in 'word families' - sat, mat, fat, etc. They are chosen to practice key phonograms. So in a few weeks you'll see that spelling lists are harder than typically seen in first grade.

At the end of the year, the pink Spalding Notebook will come home with over 500 spelling words, marked for spelling rules. You can also see the Notebook at parent-teacher conferences.

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What we do in first grade:

In Math:

We are working on counting on, or using the "big number in my brain" strategy. Students put the big number in their brain, and then count on the little number on their fingers. For example, if the problem says 5+2, students touch their head and say 5, then count two more using their fingers and saying 6, 7. Then they write the answer, 7 down. We are also working on using this strategy when the missing number is the addend. 5+ = 7

Spelling:

1. my	6. am	11. chance	16. ago	21. be	26. you
2. up	7. good	12. change	17. old	22. but	27. out
3. last	8. time	13. little	18. bad	23. this	28. time
4. not	9. have	14. are	19. red	24. all	29. may
5. us	10. blue	15. little	20. of	25. your	30. into

Phonograms:

a e i o u
ar oo v ay ch
c g b ou y
t m d p r