

Monday 18th February, 2019

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Early Stage 1 Homework

This year, students in Kindergarten will be completing weekly sight word practice for homework. This will be in conjunction with their regular home reading. This task will provide all students with an opportunity to consolidate and extend their recognition of words that occur frequently in reading and writing throughout classroom learning, while helping them to build a writing vocabulary that will enable them to focus on getting their message on the page efficiently.

Each student will be provided with a list of ten grade appropriate words each fortnight. Students are then encouraged to use these words in activities at home when interacting with their families. This is not a written memorisation task and teachers will not be collecting any worksheets or spelling tests related to these words.

Examples of sight word practice activities:

- Celebrity Heads – place a word on a students' head, then have them ask yes and no questions about the word to visualise and guess what it is.
- Spelling 'I Spy' – describe a word with clues for students to guess.
- Playdough words – use playdough to spell words.
- Spelling fingers – practice writing words in sand, shaving cream or paint.
- Chalk words – write words on concrete or blackboards with chalk, you could even make a hopscotch board and have students jump and spell the words they land on aloud.
- Treasure Hunt – hide words or letters of words around a room, encouraging students to find and rebuild the words or make sentences with them.
- Bingo – make bingo boards on scrap paper and play as a family.
- Speed writing – race siblings or parents to write their word as fast as possible.
- Silly stories – write or tell a silly story using all of your words.
- iPads – record writing, saying or acting out the meaning of their words.
- Alphabetical order – sequence ten words into alphabetical order.
- Word finds – search for and cut out letters or words from magazines to make sight words.
- Find-a-words and Crosswords – create their own find-a-word or crossword for a family member to complete.
- Keyboards – practise typing their words accurately on the computer.

For any further information please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you,
Jo-Ann Campion
Principal

Kindergarten Teachers